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Title: Regarding erosion caused by river Ganga in Malda Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal.

SHRI A.H. KHAN CHOWDHURY (MALDAHA DAKSHIN): I would like to bring to your notice the difficult situation caused by flood and erosion caused by the river Ganga in my parliamentary constituency, Malda as well as Murshidabad district. The Ganga has changed its course and moved inside Malda about 40 kilometres which is resulting in lakhs of people losing their homes, fertile land and livelihood in the densely populated area.

The UPA Government had decided to take the responsibility for erosion control work till the distance of 80 kilometres downstream and 40 kilometres upstream. In the last 10 years, a lot of work has been done by the Central Government for erosion control. Last year, enough funds have not been provided by the Central Government. Fortunately, the flood was not that severe either. So, we were lucky and safe.

My request to the Government, through you, Madam, is that the erosion control work should be started immediately so that people could be saved from the havoc caused by the Ganga. I request you, Madam, to ask the Ministry of Water Resources to take immediate steps in this regard. Thank you.