

Title: Requests the Hon'ble Prime Minister to implement the project of linkage of Sankhosh river with the Ganges to supply water in the Calcutta and the Haldia Port.

SHRI LAKSHMAN CHANDRA SETH (TAMLUK): I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Prime Minister to the following matter of public importance. During the time of Ganga water sharing accord between Bangladesh and the Government of India, it was promised by the then Prime Minister - now Shri H.D. Devegowda is also present here - on behalf of the Government of India that a linkage of Sankos river with the Ganges will be done so that the Calcutta Port and the Haldia Port can get adequate water. Due to the shortage of water, there is a heavy siltation on the shipping channel. So, both Calcutta and Haldia ports are facing a very serious problem. All the big ships are not entering into Calcutta and Haldia ports. So, this scheme for linkage of Sankhosh river with Ganges is very much necessary. But the Government of India is not taking much interest to implement this project.

Sir, I draw the attention of the hon. Prime Minister to this project of linkage of Sankos river with the Ganges and it should be implemented at an early date. Otherwise, the people who are living both sides of the Hoogly river will suffer a lot due to satinity. There is no potable water due to satinity. The interest of the people has not been taken care of so far. This is a very important issue.