

Regarding flood in Arambag due to water from Damodar Valley Corporation

SHRIMATI BAG MITALI (ARAMBAG): Thank you for providing me the opportunity to speak. I pay my respects to Shri Shri Ramkrishna Thakur & Maa Sarada. Meghnad Saha also suggested the construction of seven barrages. But the central government failed to execute that. Hwang-Ho is known as the sorrow of China. Similarly, DVC is the sorrow of Arambag Constituency. That's why when we explain the abbreviation of DVC- we term it synonymous with drowning, floating and rinsing in water. The floodgates were opened to release lacs of Cusec water overnight, resulting in turmoil for lacs of people from the Arambag Constituency due to the sudden floods. Even their last straw was swept away in front of their eyes. They lost everything- from their agricultural land to their cattle. Why DVC didn't dredge the rivers before releasing water? Why they didn't renovate the river dams before releasing water? Immediately, they should take steps to complete the dredging and embankment process of all the rivers. How long will the people from Khanakul, Purshurah, Harinkhola, Arandi, Salehpur, Arambag, Chandrakona, Goghat remain frightened by the floods? When they need water, there is a scarcity of it. This is the season to cultivate Boro paddy, but DVC isn't releasing the water at this hour. All these Boro Paddy lands have dried up and cracked. Their untimely release of water is flooding the land. How long will their turmoil go on? Please grant me a minute to finish my subject. I am a ICDS worker. Integrated Child Development Services was launched on 2nd October, 1975. The objective was to provide nutritional care, health improvement and education development to the children. It intended to create a strong foundational base for a child's mental, physical and social development. But there is still work to be done to improve the nutrition of the mother and child. The funds for nutrition is also decreasing. The Children of today are the future of tomorrow. This needs immediate consideration and increased allocation for nutrition funds. If this is not done, in future the country will be plagued by malnutrition. I would also request to increase the wages of the workers and helpers so that they can sufficiently provide for their families. No more indifference, no more duplicity, no more deprivation. Thanks again for letting me speak. Joy Bangla!