

Need to formulate a long-term action plan along with financial assistance for desilting and modernization of Mukutmanipur dam in West Bengal-laid

SHRI ARUP CHAKRABORTY (BANKURA): I wish to draw the attention of the Government to the urgent need for comprehensive cleaning, depth augmentation, and holistic development of the Mukutmanipur Dam located in Bankura district, West Bengal. The dam, situated at the confluence of the Kangsabati and Kumari rivers, is one of the largest earthen dams in India and serves as a lifeline for irrigation, drinking water, and local livelihoods across Bankura, Purulia, and Paschim Medinipur districts. Over the years, significant siltation, unchecked growth of aquatic weeds, and inadequate maintenance have led to a marked reduction in the dam's effective water storage capacity. Restoration of the dam's original depth through systematic desilting and removal of accumulated debris is essential to increase its water retention capacity. Regular cleaning and monitoring will also improve water quality, reduce the risk of waterborne diseases, and promote healthier agricultural practices, improving canal networks, and enhancing eco-tourism facilities will generate employment. I urge the Government to prioritise the desilting, cleaning, modernisation of the Mukutmanipur Dam, formulate a long-term action plan for development. For this Rs. 1000 crore should be allocated so that this work can be completed on time and effectively. This investment will attract tourists and generate revenue for the locals and the government.