

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4937
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FARAKKA BARRAGE
ABUL HASNAT KHAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Gate No.8 of the Farakka Barrage Project has collapsed and stopped functioning on December 29, 1999;
- (b) if so, whether wires and other materials of the Gate have been damaged due to non-maintenance/repair of the Gate;
- (c) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry to find out reasons behind snapping out of the gate;
- (d) if so, the finding of the enquiry; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government for expeditious repair of the Gate ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (e) Under sluice gate no.8 failed and washed away to downstream of the Farakka Barrage on December 29,1999. Installation of the new gate was taken up on war footing and a new gate was installed on March 06,2000. The Ministry has constituted a team of experts on January 18,2000 to investigate the causes of failure and to suggest remedial measures to avoid occurrence of such type of failure of gates in future.