

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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PREVENTION OF RIVER EROSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government has failed to prevent erosion along the banks of river Farakka and the Ganga in the West Bengal;
- (b) If so, the details and reasons therefor ;
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to prevent erosion of the banks of these two rivers; and
- (d) The achievement made there under so far ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) In order to check erosion on river Ganga, especially in districts of Malda and Murshidabad, the jurisdiction of the Farakka Barrage Project under the Ministry of Water Resources was extended 40 km in the upstream and 80 km in the downstream of Farakka Barrage in 2005. The Farakka Barrage Project has undertaken anti-erosion works along the banks of river Ganga in its extended jurisdiction in 2005-06, and 2006-07, which have performed successfully. The Farakka Barrage Project has completed anti-erosion works on river Ganga in the critical reaches as per details given below:

A. Malda District

(i) Khaskol village near Pachanandapur: 9.3 km

(ii) Village Simultala/Birnagar: 5.0 km

B. Murshidabad District

(i) Ram Rampur/Khodabandapur/Dhuliyani/other reaches: 9.185 km.

(ii) Moya : 2 km.