

Title: Need to check severe erosion caused by Ganga and Padma rivers in Murshidabad District of West Bengal.

SHRI MOINUL HASSAN (MURSHIDABAD): Madam, Murshidabad is suffering from river bank erosion, since long. Ganga, the national river and Padma, the international river, are passing through this district by nearly hundred kilometres. In the right bank of both the rivers, where erosion is taking place, already lakhs of hectares of cultivated land, small and big towns, State Highway, mangroves and populated villages have been engulfed by the erosion.

In the last decades, lakhs of peoples were evicted from their residences. They are now compelled to live on the roadside or in unauthorised places and face a lot of problems of shelter, drinking water and others.

I would urge upon the Government of India to come out with a suitable rehabilitation programme for the people, who are evicted due to erosion of Ganga and Padma in Murshidabad, West Bengal. Financial assistance should also be given to the State Government in this regard.