

Title: Need for desilting of Farakka barrage on the river Ganga in West Bengal.

SHRI ABDUL HASNAT KHAN (JANGIPUR): Continuous silting on the upstream and downstream of Farakka barrage on the river Ganga has caused serious problem for the very existence of barrage itself since new showl has formed in upstream of the barrage. This envisages danger mark for the barrage. On the downstream of the Farakka barrage the situation is so serious that since two-third of river has got silted the water of Ganga is forced to flow through narrow channel with high velocity resulting in erosion of right bank of the river.

I therefore urge the Government for dredging the new showl formed on the up stream of the barrage and facilitate navigation for Kolkata-Allahabad waterways and by channelising river water kon the down stream along the mid-stream to avoid serious erosion problem in Murshidabad district in West Bengal.