

Title : Erosion caused due to Bhagirathi river.

SHRIADHIR CHOWDHURY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): Sir, in the morning session, wide-range discussion was held on the pollution of river Ganga. In the evening session, I am going to draw the attention of this House on the erosion triggered by river Ganga. Various districts in West Bengal in general and Murshidabad in particular have been regarded as erosion prone districts. Erosion has become a perennial problem of these districts and the geographical expressions of these districts have radically changed over the years due to the fury of erosion. People of these erosion-affected districts have been agitating over the years.

In recent years, the Union Government has undertaken some effective measures to stem the rot caused by erosion because erosion has been causing havoc in these districts. Some effective steps have already been taken under the aegis of Farakka Barrage Project funded by the Union Government. The other parts of these districts, on the banks of river Bhagirathi, have not been paid due attention and the same phenomenon has been replicating there over the years. You will be astonished to know that a number of religious and historical Places have become vulnerable and new areas are coming under threat.

So, I would urge upon the Government to extend the anti-erosion work being undertaken by the Farakka Barrage Project up to Hooghly, through Murshidabad and Nadia Districts. Sir, you are a religious person and you will be aware that the birth Place of Sri Chaitanya Dev is also becoming vulnerable [\[c59\]](#).

The existence of the birth Place of Sri Chaitanya Dev is now in peril. So, I would request this Government to take some measures as immediately as possible.