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Title : Need to check erosion on the banks of river Bhagirathi in West Bengal.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): The severe erosion along the banks of the rivers Padma, Ganga and Bhagirathi have been playing havoc since the last 2 decades. Hundreds of villages have been rendered into extinction, and now many more villages are awaiting the same fate. None the less Padma, Ganga erosion has drawn attention of the Union Government whereby funds were mobilized to put erosion in check along its banks. But the erosion on the bank of Bhagirathi has been left to the freak of nature. Where no anti-erosion work has been done to arrest the onslaught as a result of which one after another village has disappeared from the map.

I urge upon the Government to include this erosion problem in the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan and the entire anti erosion job should be executed by the Farakka Barrage Project Authority.