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Title: Need to check river erosion in West Bengal.

SHRIABU AYES MONDAL (KATWA): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to raise a matter of urgent public importance.

The problems of erosion in the river basin areas have become a serious concern in our country. Every year, there are incidents of flooding by rivers like the Ganges, the Brahmaputra, Damodar and other major rivers and cause havoc. In the last few years we witnessed incidents of unprecedented floods which rendered innumerable people homeless and swallowed villages after villages. The conditions of the people affected by flood are deplorable and they suffer from a great deal of distress. The places like Katwa, Kalna, Tamaghata, Dangapara, Kalinagar, Mayapur, Nabadwip, Balagarh in the State of West Bengal are the worst affected areas. Owing to erosion due to floods, every year, geographical location of the Samudragarh railway station is dangerously getting shifted. Thousands of people in the area living in an atmosphere of uncertainty.

Keeping in view the enormity and seriousness of the problem of erosion of the banks of the rivers like the Ganges, the Brahmaputra, the Government should treat this as a national problem and take immediate steps to redress the issue.