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Title: Need to constitute a Board to ensure checking of soil erosion in various districts along the rivers Ganga and Bhagirathi in West Bengal.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): The districts in West Bengal along the banks of river Ganga/Bhagirathi have been under constant threat of erosion. Many a historical places are also becoming vulnerable due to the perpetual erosion.

Central Government in the current year's budget took a serious note on this problem and announced the same in the budget document. The State Government does not have the requisite infrastructure even to execute the anti-erosion works as it is a stupendous job involving men and money.

But the situation does not permit any delay. Therefore, I would urge upon the Government to constitute one board as similar as Bharamputra so that the anti-erosion works could be done in a dedicated manner.