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Title: Need to undertake the desiltation work and increase the height of Damodar river Valley dam in West Bengal to prevent flood in the region.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): The primary objective of constructing a dam is to prevent floods in the region. The Damodar Valley Corporation has been serving West Bengal over the years. It is high time we give serious thought on the very objectives on which DVC was set up in 1948. The Government should concentrate on increasing the height of the Dam and undertake desiltation work in a major way. I would like to know as to when was the major desiltation work was undertaken in Damodar River Valley.

I would urge the Hon'ble Minister that renewed efforts should be taken to increase the height of the Dam and to undertake extensive desiltation work to ensure that floods are prevented in the region.