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Title : Erosion caused by river Ganges in West Bengal causing threat to the lives of the poor people in the state.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): Madam, the forest blocks in my parliamentary Constituency, Hooghly, of West Bengal have been eroded by the river Ganges. The names of the villages affected are Sukuna, Chambra, Khoirmari Char, Bhowripur, Khatrianagar, Gosaipur, Hatikanda, Ramnagar, Gopalpur, Chendrabati I and Chandrabati II of Mogra Block. Around 30 kilometres of land at the bank of river Ganga, stretching from Guptipara of Balagarh (SC constituency) to Chandrabali II Mogra are affected. Two thousand acres of cultivated land has been lost. Thousands of residential homes, school buildings and burning *ghats* have been swallowed by the river...*(Interruptions)*

The people of the affected areas are mostly displaced persons from erstwhile East Pakistan who came across the border after the Independence. They are farmers, carpenters, and artisans by profession. ...*(Interruptions)* If some measure is not taken immediately those displaced people will have to be displaced again with loss of jobs and profession...*(Interruptions)*

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप लोग बैठ जाइए। कृपया उनको बोलने दीजिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

DR. RATNA DE : I would request the relevant Department to take necessary steps to construct concrete guard wall and Embankment to safeguard lives and livelihood of those people...*(Interruptions)*

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2.00 p.m.

12.24 hrs .

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Fourteen of the Clock.

(Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)