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title: Need to give the highest priority for maintenance and repair of collapsed lock gates in Farraka barrage project.

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): Madam Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the Ministry of Water Resources, through you, that Farakka barrage project is the largest barrage across the river Ganges in our country. The length of that barrage is two miles and it consists of 109 lock-gates. It used to cater the requisite water on the one hand to Bangladesh and on the other hand it facilitates the flow of water to the Kolkata port. Three days earlier, 45 lock-gates got collapsed and totally washed away. Naturally, huge quantum of water is being flown to Bangladesh. It is a national loss. So, the Government should take serious note of it, and maintenance should be given the highest priority. Farakka barrage project is a national project. It is a strategic project. It needs to be given due consideration.

HON. SPEAKER :

Shri Md. Badaruddoza Khan is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.