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Title: Need to take pre-emptive steps to safeguard villages of West Bengal from inundation of salt water.

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): A couple of years ago, a cyclone named 'Ayla' had devastated a great swathe of area in West Bengal. The fury of the said cyclone had left a trail of inundation for the thousands of villages. It rendered lakhs of people homeless and penniless. The misery and penury of the local people has not been ended so far. Hundreds of Kilometers of embankment that was built upon to withstand the ingress of sea water has been wiped out as a result of which salt water swamped the entire agricultural land of the area, turned the once fertile land into a barren one. Central Government had allotted adequate fund to reconstruct the embankment. However, the spectre of fresh inundation has been looming large. Already scores of villages have been ingressed upon by salt water.

I, therefore, urge upon the concerned ministry to take immediate action to save people from being inundated in consultation with the state government.