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Title: Need to take steps to implement Ghatal Master Plan.

*SHRI DEEPAK (DEV) ADHIKARI: Thank you Madam Speaker, for giving me another opportunity to speak. I thank our Hon. Chief Minister Smt. Mamata Banerjee from the bottom of my heart for reposing faith in me, I thank each person of my constituency who has loved me, blessed me, prayed for me, I thank those who have elected me to this august House. Today I would like to raise an issue which has been a problem for the last 64 years. There are 2 districts in our state, one is East Midnapore and the other is West Midnapore. In 22 blocks of the Midnapore districts, 20 lakh people are reeling under a particular problem for the last 64 years, the problem is of flood. I will not take much time, I shall be very brief. In the year 1959, Mansingh Committee first named a plan i.e. the Ghatal Master Plan. It took 20 years for the Planning Commission to approve the plan and finally in 1980 the plan was sanctioned and in 1982 the foundation stone was laid. In the same year I was also born. I have grown up but the work did not progress. The plan is a massive one and therefore it is not possible for the State Government to implement it single-handedly. Our respected Chief Minister has been trying her best for the last 6 years to make the plan operational and has also requested the previous as well as the present Central Government to look into the matter.

Madam, when I was coming to Delhi, I met some people of Ghatal who told me that it is raining hard this time and there are chances of flood this year. They asked me that if flood occurs, what they would do. Believe me Madam, I had to keep mum, I had no answer to their question. For the last 64 years, we have been searching for an answer to the question that whether the Ghatal Master Plan would be implemented or not. Through you Madam I would like to know from the Government that whether this Ghatal Master plan will even be put into force and if it actually happens, then when and how soon will it happen. Thank you very much Madam for allowing me to speak.