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Title: Regarding construction work along Indo-Bangladesh border.

SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN (MURSHIDABAD): Once the river Padma was flowing inside Indian Territory before 1996 in Madhugari Gram Panchayat area under Karimpur — 1 Development Block in the district of Nadia, West Bengal. But between the years 1996 and 2003 it suddenly changed its course and started flowing through Bangladesh. Due to the erosion and re-alignment of Indo-Bangladesh demarcation line, 3500 acres of Indian cultivable land falling within limits of Madhugari Gram Panchayat have been found to have emerged as the “Fertile Char land” to the north of river Padma within India. Now the Indian cultivators had so long been earning their livelihood by cultivating this huge land. I got to know that the Government is going to undertake re-construction work of the Border Road and fencing along the southern side of the present course of the river Padma far from Indo-Bangladesh demarcation line.

My request to the Government is that the construction work should take place at a distance of 150 meters from Indo-Bangladesh Radcliffe line of demarcation.