

Water being a State subject, efforts to conserve ground water including rainwater harvesting is primarily States' responsibility. Other steps taken by the Central Government in this regard are available at the following URL: http://mowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Steps_to_control_water_depletion_Jun2019.pdf.

Review of Farakka Barrage Project

†890. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to do an immediate review of Farakka Barrage Project which was set up 42 years ago;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for the review of Farakka Barrage Project.

(c) Farakka Barrage is a vital terminal structure on river Ganga. The barrage is serving its objective of diverting 40,000 cusec of river Ganga waters into the Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system for the preservation and maintenance of Kolkata Port. The increased upland supply from river Ganga at Farakka into Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system has improved its regime and navigability and reduced salinity to Kolkata and surrounding areas. The Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system, the Feeder Canal of Farakka Barrage form a part of the-Haldia-Allahabad Inland Waterway (National Waterway No.1). The Feeder Canal also supplies water to Farakka Super Thermal Power Project (FSTPP) of NTPC Ltd. at Farakka.

National Mission for Clean Ganga

891. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of National Mission for Clean Ganga with details of budget allocated, released and spent since implementation of the scheme, year-wise;
- (b) how much of river Ganga has so far been cleaned and whether it is commensurate with the money so spent;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.