

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](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;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.