

Regarding loss of human and animal lives due to flooding by Teesta River

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY (JALPAIGURI): Hon. Speaker Sir, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

Sir, I rise to bring to your urgent attention about the recurring flooding of the Teesta River which is severely affecting the areas like Totgaon under Mal block and Gajoldoba under Rajganj block, apart from some other areas of Mekhliganj and Maynagur blocks in my constituency. Despite repeated flooding, the West Bengal Government has failed to implement any permanent solution to this, resulting in displacement of numerous people, significant agricultural loss due to siltation, and also tragic loss of human and animal lives. The persistent flooding suggests potential misuse of Central funds by the State Government as temporary measures are implemented annually instead of addressing the root cause.

Sir, I urge upon the Central Government to constitute a team to analyse the situation and propose permanent measures to mitigate flooding. Immediate intervention is necessary to safeguard the livelihoods and homes of our citizens and also to prevent further loss of lives.