

## **Regarding need for financial support to the landslide victims in Darjeeling and Kalimpong Districts of West Bengal-laid**

**SHRI RAJU BISTA (DARJEELING):** Darjeeling and Kalimpong are the two mountain districts in West Bengal. These two districts have been severely impacted by landslides. Places like Rangpo, Teesta Bazar, Mahanadi, 27 Mile, Soom Tea Estate, Badamtam have seen massive damages. People have lost their homes, their agricultural fields, damaged vehicles and properties, and even their source of livelihood. National Highway 55, NH 717A which is under construction and NH 10 have been damaged at many places. Many rural roads have become damaged, and villages have been cut off from the rest of the nation. Darjeeling hills, Terai and Dooars region contribute the highest revenue to the State, but in return, we are kept deprived despite such devastation. In such times, our people are looking towards the Central Government to provide them with relief and financial support for their rehabilitation. I am requesting the Central Government to kindly provide financial support to the victims through the PMNRF, and support their rehabilitation by allocating them homes through PMAY.