

Regarding allocation of funds to West Bengal for flood and soil erosion-laid

PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM): The Union Budget has allocated special funds for flood control in Bihar, Assam, Sikkim etc., but it has not allocated any special funds to prevent floods and soil erosion in West Bengal. On the one hand rivers in North Bengal originating from Bhutan are causing floods in North Bengal districts every year, on the other hand, areas in Murshidabad, Nadia and East Burdwan downstream of the Farakka Barrage are facing tremendous land erosion, causing all villages to be washed away. I demand that sufficient funds should be allocated to West Bengal both for flood control and control of soil erosion.