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Title: Need to take steps for all round development of North Bengal. – Laid.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ) : The Tenth Plan document, in spite of several assurances by the West Bengal Government and the Union Government, indicates no positive support to compensate the regional imbalances of North Bengal pertaining to flood management, river erosion management, industrial infrastructure, additional power generation and modern health infrastructure in this region for its progress and prosperity. Negative approach to the growth and expansion of the tea gardens and to accord them necessary financial moratorium, has also not found any sympathy from the Union Government.

Raw Jute producers are suffering for not having any modern jute mill in this region, specially in Uttar Dinajpur and Jalpaiguri. University expansion, creation of Central Institute of Technology and Medical college is still a dream. For ethnics like Rajbansi community people, protection of their social, cultural heritage and opportunities as Scheduled Castes, has remained unfulfilled. I draw the attention of the Union Government to advise the Desk of Planning to interact immediately with the West Bengal Desk for comprehensive review of the Plan Document pertaining to North Bengal region.

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