

Title: Need to make a comprehensive master plan for all-round development of Raiganj of Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal. - Laid

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ): Sir, the new District Headquarter Raiganj of Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal lacks a lot of infrastructural support like major bye-pass to connect National Highway with the city. Civic amenities require major attention. Drinking water supply connections to every house by the Public Health Engineering System as well as Broadgauge Railway Network between Bursoi Junction of Bihar to Radhikapur of Uttar Dinajpur replacing the present metre-gauge line to connect the district with the rest of Bengal and the rest with broad-gauge line are required.

The city is threatened by Nagar and Kulik Rivers during every monsoon by floods. River beds have been badly silted and, therefore, dredging or excavation of river beds is necessary. From Bangladesh, during monsoon, water enters through Bishnupur border of Hemtabad P.S., and flows towards Karanjora, the administrative Headquarter of the district, and further overflows to the municipal town of Raiganj logging the water for months together. Due to lack of proper railway culvert on the railway line as well as sluiceway, Millanpalli and Kanchenpally get flooded and people cannot move out of their houses. One of the unique bird sanctuary is in Raiganj at Kulik river point which is now being threatened every year by flood, land erosion and terrific smoke from road traffic. The city further requires a sports stadium. Unless Urban Development Ministry, Railway Ministry, Tourism, Sports, Environment Ministries as well as the Water Resources Ministry collectively decide about a comprehensive Master Plan involving the Departments of State Government, it will be difficult to develop and manage this city and district Headquarter for new millennium.

I request the Union Government to formulate a comprehensive plan for all-round development of Raiganj of Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal.