

**Title: Need for taking immediate steps for all-round development of North Bengal.**

**SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ):** The development scenario in North Bengal has been causing concern since the Sixth Plan period due to non-utilization of funds in respective heads and non-allocation of required funds for the infrastructural development such as roads, electricity, education and health including basic industry infrastructure. Tenth Plan is approaching very fast and I request the Government to make a special task force to look into the problems of North Bengal district for having three decisive issues to be settled pertaining to flood management, road infrastructure, industry and power infrastructure. Severe backwardness is causing economic imbalances in North Malda, Dakshin Dinajpur and Uttar Dinajpur. Unless immediate intervention is done through planned approach nothing will happen. Issues pertaining to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Communities and minorities are causing concern in North Bengal due to inadequate support for their social upliftment and economic opportunities.

I request the Union Government to look into the matter.