

Title: Need for all round development of North Bengal-Laid.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSHI (RAIGANJ) : The agony of the people of West Bengal is increasing day by day due to lack of a white paper on the problem of North Bengal, ethnic Rajbansi, infrastructural developments, health, education, power, employment both from the Government of West Bengal and the Government of India and particularly so by the Planning Commission. From Cooch-Behar to Malda, no comprehensive flood management programme in three Master Plans has been conceived in spite of my several interventions causing thereby an uncertainty among the people of Uttar Dinajpur, Malda, Dakshin Dinajpur and part of Cooch Behar. The progress of Teesta Canal is also uncertain and electrification in North Bengal villages is almost at a halt. The Rajbansi community in North Bengal, tribals, Gorkha people in the hills of Darjeeling fail to understand the objective of planning and their due share of resource mobilization for the development of North Bengal. Prime Minister's intervention is urgently required at this stage to save North Bengal, failing which I apprehend, the agony might lead to serious public disorder, violence, destabilisation and breeding ground for cross border terrorists to exploit the situation.