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Title : Regarding need to provide financial assistance to the Government of West Bengal for modernization of irrigation system in Purba Midinipur district.

SHRI PRASANTA PRADHAN (CONTAI): During last flood due to heavy rainfall in Purba Midinipur district in West Bengal, total area of Contai, Egra and other subdivision were devastated. Thousand of acres of agricultural crops. Betal, paddy, fishes and vegetables were destroyed. Thousands of mudbuild cottages collapsed. About 7 people died and many cattle also perished. The drainage system was not clear. It took more than a month to clear the water. The West Bengal Government did their best to provide relief to the people.

The drainage system of rivers Keleghai, Bagai, Kapaleswari requires desiltation. The Barachouks, Dubara and Mogra-Baisn work should be completed immediately. The work of Bhagwapur-Naudigram master place is also unfinished, it must be completed early. H.T.C. and O.C.C. canals be modernized. The Union Government should assist financially, so that the irrigation schemes could be completed. I draw the attention of Minister of Water Resources in this respect.