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Title: Need to check the landslide at 27th Mile of NH-31A on Teesta-Reang rivers confluence.

SHRI D. NARBULA (DARJEELING): Sir, landslide on NH-31A was common, but in recent times the frequency has increased, including the recent major landslip at 27th Mile of National Highway No. 31A (NH-31A), the construction site of NHPC, Teesta Lower Dam Project – III (TLDP-III) at the confluence of the Teesta-Reang rivers. It is widely being discussed by all commuters, members of the public and by over 7,00,000 tribal and other inhabitants of the Sikkim-Darjeeling-Kalimpong-Himalayan regions. That landslide has a direct damaging impact on the on-going construction of TLDP-III which has caused tremendous problems and difficulties for the population of the region.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Government for an immediate investigation of the new but major landslide at 27th Mile of National Highway 31A (NH-31A) on Teesta-Reang river confluence which is also the construction site of NHPC Teesta Lower Dam Project (TLDP-III) and this has been the cause of many minor and major landslides. I also demand a review and a transparent re-assessment of the environmental impact of TLDP-III (on-going) and the TLDP-IV (recently started) projects.