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Title: Need to declare Teesta River Project as a National Project and expedite its completion.

SHRI PRASANTA KUMAR MAJUMDAR (BALURGHAT): The North Bengal's Economy largely depends on agriculture and tea. Land is fertile. If we provide irrigation facilities, these areas will become prosperous. Many rivers such as Teesta, Torsha, Jaldhara, Mahananda, Kulik, Aetrya, Panarbhata, etc. flow over the North Bengal zone. Teesta Project has been launched many years ago but the project has covered only very little areas. The project has faced many difficulties.

The people of North Bengal have heard many times from daily newspapers, T.V. and through other sources that Teesta Project has been taken over by the Central Government. But, now we see that not a single penny has been allocated for Teesta Project. The Teesta Project is the lifeline of North Bengal and also of the State of Sikkim. So, I demand from Union Government that Testa Project should be declared as National Project and the work of the Project should be completed immediately.