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Title: Need to address the problems of the distressed people in Paschim Medinipur, Purulia and Bankura districts of West Bengal facing acute shortage of water due to deficient monsoon.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): With the deficit rainfall in this year's delayed monsoon that is playing truant, the large tracts of arable lands of Paschim Medinipur, Purulia and Bankura remains uncultivated till date. The situation has come to such a pass that people are not getting water not only for cultivation but even for drinking due to acute shortage of water. The livestock in some of the rural areas are facing this problem.

In this situation, until and unless help from outside reach the people living there, it would be extremely difficult for those people to survive.

Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to lend all the help to suffering-people of those areas immediately on war footing.