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Title: Regarding climate change in the country.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY (GUWAHATI): Our country is facing extreme climatic condition for the last few years. Fluctuating temperatures and uncertain rainfall heavily tell upon human life and nature....(*Interruptions*)

The greed for real estate, property, easy money, and unplanned development have created havoc. Moreover, unplanned cities have created all types of problems for the people....(*Interruptions*)

Already, 630 square kilometres of forest cover is lost in the country and 50 square kilometres of forest cover in Assam have declined because of these greedy people....(*Interruptions*)

As reported, smugglers in connivance with Ministers and forest officials cut off all the trees in the forests, level the lands and send huge truckloads of logs to Bangladesh. Frequently, almost every day, we see such big trucks going with huge loads of logs....(*Interruptions*)

Moreover, the water bodies in my State are filled up and the hills are levelled to get more land. This has created a lot of problems, especially in my constituency of Guwahati, where the people of the city die when landslides take place....(*Interruptions*)

Hon. Minister of Urban Development at the instance of the Prime Minister want to develop a few smart cities in the country and Guwahati is one among them. Madam, you know that in an hour of rainfall Guwahati completely gets submerged. So, my plea is that the entire responsibility should not be left with the State Government. The Union Urban Development Ministry should take the responsibility of planning as also the repair work so that Guwahati becomes a good planned city in future in the entire Northeastern region.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati Bijoya Chakravarty.