

**Title:** Need to draw a comprehensive plan to protect revenue blocks of Uttar Dinajpur and Malda districts in West Bengal from devastating floods-Laid.

**SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSHI (RAIGANJ):** Itahar, Raiganj Revenue Blocks of Uttar Dinajpur and Ratua, Kharba, Harishchandrapur blocks of Malda District are having the curse of devastating flood of are severity for the last few years destroying the rural economy, infrastructure, road connectivity. Rivers Mahananda, Nagar, Sui, Kulik, Srimati, Fulohar and partly Ganga are causing disaster. Since most of the river belts are full of silt, that cannot accommodate heavy downpour or excess of water during Monsoon. No comprehensive policy on the part of State Government or Union Government have yet been adopted to protect these Revenue Blocks of Bengal from the onslaught of floods. Atleast 20 flood shelter homes in each Revenue Block and Flood Management Master Plan, should be planned immediately otherwise future of North Malda Sub-Division and Uttar Dinajpur, the newly born district would be at stake. Expansion of Mahananda Master Plan on other bank towards Itahar is necessary.

I demand and appeal the Planning Commission and Ministry of Water Resources for joint initiative with West Bengal Government to immediately draw the plan of action in respect of above Revenue Blocks without delay.