

Title: Need to take necessary steps to protect North Bengal region from recurring floods- Laid.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ) : The Monsoon is now in its peak, yet no comprehensive policy decision for the flood management of North Bengal region of West Bengal in general and Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur and Malda in particular has been finalized by the Union and the State Governments in their plan outlay. I am worried about Itahar, Raiganj, Karandighi, Kaliyaganj, Hemtabad, Harirampur Banshihari Kushmadi Block of Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur and Ratua I and II, Kharba I and II, Harishchandrapur I and II Block of North Malda. Five times these areas have witnessed unprecedented devastation but till date no long or short term measures have been adopted. In Ratua, devastating erosion is almost liquidating the habitation of a few thousand people in Mahananda Tola and Bilaimari. I demand immediate intervention of Union Water Resource Ministry in this regard at least to arrange short term measures to work on the threat of floods which is imminent in this area.