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Title :Need for taking measures for all round development of Goalpokher area in Uttar Dinajpur district, West Bengal. - Laid.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ) : It is a fact that both the West Bengal and Central Government missed out almost in every Plan the inclusion of an area in the district of Uttar Dinajpur - known as Goalpokher, in the Plan Development process. This area has become more important since the merger of part of Bihar to Bengal in 1950's, where part of Bihar population merged into Bengal and Urdu speaking minority, Bengali speaking refugees and other minority population are suffering for not having higher education, infrastructural facilities, hospital for treatment and telecommunication facilities. It is surprising that no girls' education at the level of higher secondary stream is in existence either in Goalpokher-I and II Block and there is no college.

Chakulia Block, which is Goalpokher II Block, for the first time got a PMGSY Scheme on my recommendation to connect Goalpokher-I Block. Time and again I have addressed this issue to Government of West Bengal and the Union Government specially the Planning Commission. I am surprised to see that even in this Annual Plan, so specific support has been given to these two Blocks of West Bengal adjoining Bihar. There is no Block level Health Centre in Goalpokher-I, Internet and mobile services in Chakulia Block and Goalpokher-I Block.

I draw the attention of the Union Government to immediately apprise this to the Government of West Bengal to include a comprehensive plan of action in the Annual Plan immediately for this part which came from Bihar to Bengal.