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Title: Demand to form an Indo-Bhutan Joint River Commission in consultation with the Royal Government of Bhutan.

SHRIMATI MINATI SEN (JALPAIGURI): Thank you, Sir.

Probably you know that the North Bengal is known as a flood-prone zone, especially the plains of Darjeeling, the Alipurduars Dule division of Jalpaiguri district and the entire Cooch Behar district. All the rivers coming from Bhutan except the Teesta are coming down towards North Bengal. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: This is an important issue. You can raise it during the debate.

SHRIMATI MINATI SEN : As a result huge quantities of debris reach the plains along with the tremendous flow of the hilly rivers and get deposited in these river beds. The direction of the rivers are getting changed. All the industries, forestry, agricultural land, sanctuaries and tourism along with people's lives and assets would be in danger. I urge upon the Government through you to please form an Indo-Bhutan Joint River Commission in consultation with the Royal Government of Bhutan.

MR. SPEAKER: It is a very serious matter.

Shri Madhusudan Mistry, do you want to say something now? Or, would you take part in the debate?

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (SABARKANTHA): I would take part in the debate.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Francis George, this matter has already been raised.