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Title: Need to provide assistance to the people affected by severe erosion caused by various rivers in North Bengal.

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