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Title: Need to expedite completion of Teesta Barrage Project-Laid.

SHRI NRIPENDRA NATH ROY (COOCH BEHAR): I want to bring to your kind notice about Tista Barrage Project which was constituted for the benefit of all district of North Bengal. This project was started in the year 1976. It is one of the largest projects of Asia. The tentative completion of the project was to be done in three States with an expenditure of Rs. 500 crore. If this project was completed in time then the farmers from North Bengal can produce more than 62000 metric ton of produce by using water from this project. Not only that after meeting the demand of whole North Bengal there would be surplus produce of 20000 MT also. In addition the farmers who depend on Agricultural work were benefited by raising 40 crore labour days. Not only that, 1300 megawatt electricity could also be produced from this Mega Project to meet the demand of North Bengal. But it is regretted to point out that since 33 years, more than Rs. 1000 crore was spent from the State's & Central Revenue but only a little part of the 1st stage of this project was completed. In the recent past Government of India had declared this project as a National Project. I, therefore, request Hon'ble Minister to complete the project on war-footing so that another green revolution can be started in North Bengal and also to develop the economic standard of the people of North Bengal who are totally dependent on Agriculture.