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Title: Issue regarding problems caused by Brahmaputra river in Coochbehar, Alipurduar and Jalpaiguri districts.

SHRI PARTHA PRATIM RAY (COOCHBEHAR): Madam Speaker, for the people of Coochbehar, Alipurduar and Jalpaiguri Districts, the three rivers of Teesta, Torsa and Jaldhaka flowing through the Districts are the primary source of water. All these three rivers are tributaries of Brahmaputra flowing from Tibet. So, when heavy rainfall is noted in the Himalayan region the Brahmaputra floods these rivers and causes havoc in the villages of the Districts. In extreme situations, communications between the villages are lost. Every year people suffer in these three Districts due to Brahmaputra floods. The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation have formed the Brahmaputra Board in 1982 to address the issue in the Brahmaputra Valley. I, therefore, request the Government to respond to the situation in Coochbehar, Alipurduar and Jalpaiguri Districts.