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### **Need for sustainable land use planning in the hills and mountain areas**

SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI (West Bengal): Sir, I would like to draw the kind attention of this august House to the Task Force set up around 1980 by the Government of India which found that more than 250 million metric tonnes of valuable top soil and boulders are annually being washed down to the rivers and valleys from the Darjeeling-Sikkim Himalaya alone. This will result in bleak future for the farmers of the hilly region unless some urgent measures are taken up. Therefore, I humbly urge the august House to draw the kind attention of hon. Agriculture Minister to it and take the help of experts in this field for sustainable land use pattern in the Himalayas.

DR. SANTANU SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

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MS. DOLA SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

**श्रीमती महुआ माजी (झारखंड) :** महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ संबद्ध करती हूँ।

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