

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2464

ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026

**MANAGEMENT OF RIVERBANK EROSION AND SILTATION IN BODOLAND TERRITORIAL
REGION**

2464 Shri PRAMOD BORO:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the severe, recurring riverbank erosion and heavy siltation along the rivers Manas, Aie, Beki, Pagladia, and other rivers flowing from the Himalayan region, causing extensive loss of land and livelihoods in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) of Assam;
- (b) the current status of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and anti-erosion proposals submitted by the State Government of Assam / the Government of Bodoland Territorial Region for managing these rivers; and
- (c) the timeline for providing technical appraisal, sanctioning the submitted proposals, and allocating funds for their execution under central schemes or programs?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) The rivers flowing from the Himalayan region, including Manas, Aie, Beki, Pagladia, and other in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) of Assam, faces riverbank erosion and siltation in varying degree. The data regarding loss of land and livelihood due to this is not maintained centrally.

Flood management including anti-erosion schemes are formulated and implemented by the concerned State Governments as per their priorities. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical guidance and financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas through Flood Management and Border Area Programme (FMBAP), after the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of the schemes are appraised as per extant guidelines. The ongoing FMBAP has been extended till 30.09.2026 or approval of the Scheme for the XVI Finance Commission (FC) cycle, whichever is earlier, only for payment of committed liabilities and no fresh approval/sanction of works under the XV FC outlay is permitted.

Three projects in BTR of Assam has been completed under FMBAP, which has benefited an area of 5050 hectare and population of 8.5 lakh. One flood management project, namely “Protection of village Durgapur, Domgaon, Dababeel, Chotonilibari, Debargaon, Dangaigaon, Birengaon, Bherbheri, Rowmari, Khagrabari, Sanyashibari, Uttar Popragaon and Popragaon from the erosion of river Aie” has been sanctioned during 2025-26 under FMBAP Scheme and central assistance of Rs. 21.576 Crore was released.

In order to address the issue of riverbank erosion and floods, the Brahmaputra Board has prepared Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the rivers Pagaldiya, Pagla/Baitabari, Gangia, Sankosh and Saralbhangha in the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) area.
