

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 539
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2026

Land erosion in Bodoland

539. SHRI PRAMOD BORO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of severe riverbank erosion along the rivers Manas, Aie, Beki, Pagladia, Dhansiri and Sankosh in Assam, particularly affecting the Bodoland Territorial Region;
- (b) whether any study or assessment has been conducted to evaluate the extent and impact of such riverbank erosion and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any dedicated facility exists such as a quarantine centre, rescue, rehabilitation or “wildlife care zone” for injured or displaced elephants and other wild animals in Assam, particularly in the Bodoland Territorial Region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) & (b) The Manas, Aie, Beki, Pagladia, Dhansiri, and Sankosh are all major tributaries of the Brahmaputra River. Riverbank erosion is a dynamic natural process influenced by various factors, including rainfall, river flow, sediment load and channel morphology. As per the information furnished by the State Government, riverbank erosion due to heavy rainfall has been observed at certain locations within the Manas Tiger Reserve in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR). The affected areas include Narayanguri Camp and Bispani Camp along the Manas River under Bansbari Range, and Sisubari Camp along the Kanamakra River under Kuklung Range. The affected locations have been identified through field inspections and routine monitoring. Necessary remedial and protective measures are being undertaken by the concerned State authorities to mitigate the impacts of riverbank erosion and safeguard critical infrastructure and wildlife habitats.

(c) & (d) Wildlife conservation and management, including rescue and rehabilitation of wild animals, is undertaken by the State Governments with financial and technical support from the Government of India under various schemes and programmes.

As per the information furnished by the State Government, a centre for rescue and rehabilitation is setup at Bokakhat, Assam, which has facilities for quarantine, rescue, rehabilitation and care of injured or displaced elephants and other wild animals. In addition to such centre, two such centre are functional at Guijan Wildlife Range under Tinsukia Wildlife Division and Kokrajhar Wildlife Division in the Bodoland Territorial Region.
