

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3761**  
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018

**SOIL EROSION**

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the losses suffered by the Char districts of Assam due to soil erosion by the rivers during the last three years;
- (b) the quantum of fertile soil of each district which got eroded in rivers in Assam during the said period; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to check the said river bank erosion?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

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(a) & (b) As per the figure furnished by the Government of Assam, the Revenue-Circle/ District-wise details of the losses suffered due to soil erosion in Districts of Assam with Char areas in respect of area of land eroded and family & persons displaced due to erosion of river from 2015 till December, 2017 is given at **Annexure-I**.

(c) Flood Management including erosion control falls within the purview of the States. The flood management & anti-erosion schemes are planned, investigated and implemented by the State Governments with own resources as per priority within the State. The Union Government renders technical guidance and promotional financial assistance to States. Government of India had launched "Flood Management Programme (FMP)" during XI Plan for providing central assistance to the State Governments for taking up works related to river management, flood control, anti-erosion, drainage development, flood proofing works, restoration of damaged flood management works and anti-sea erosion works which was continued during XII Plan.

In the State of Assam, a total of 141 projects costing Rs.2383.11 crore were approved and included under FMP. During XI Plan, 100 projects with an estimated cost of Rs.996.14 crore were approved while during XII Plan, 41 projects with an estimated cost of Rs.1386.97 crore were approved. Central Assistance amounting to Rs.748.86 crore was released during XI Plan and Rs.64.89 crore during XII Plan. Further a Central Assistance of Rs.245.49 crore has also been released during year 2017-18 to State Government of Assam. Since start of XI Plan, total Central Assistance released to State Government of Assam under FMP is Rs.1059.24 crore until 31-Mar-18.

As informed by the State Water Resources Department (WRD), no special scheme for protection of Char areas have been formulated. However, different protection schemes have been taken up by the State WRD during XI and XII Plan with funds from North Eastern Council (NEC), Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) etc.

**Annexure-I****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3761 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2018 REGARDING “SOIL EROSION”**

Revenue-Circle/ District-wise details of the losses suffered due to soil erosion in Districts of Assam with Char areas in respect of area of land eroded and family & persons displaced from 2015 till December, 2017

S. No.	District	Revenue Circle	Area of land eroded*	Nos. of family affected	No. of people displaced due to erosion
1	Sonitpur	Thelamara	297B-3K-15L		
		Tezpur	48B-2K-10L	4	22
		Chariduar	460B-1K-1L	1	5
2	Darrang	Chamua	8306B-4K-1L		
		Sipajhar	10B-3K-17L		
3	Jorhat	Jorhat West	3B-3K-7L	NIL	NIL
		Teok	4B-3K-18L		
4	Kamrup (M)		NIL	NIL	NIL
5	Nalbari	Barkhetri	1620B-0K-5L	533	2998
			1452 Bigha	451	2240
			252B-0K-0L	81	420
			94B-2K-10L	47	282
6	Barpeta	Barpeta	70B-0K-5L	NIL	
			64B-0K-0L	NIL	
7	Goalpara	Matia	905N-1K-17L	142	822
			1127B-2k-14L	137	732
			801N-2K-5L	60	312
			130B-0K-2L	60	338
			35B-1K-18L	13	64
			30B-4K-7L	11	52
			95B-4K-6L	11	56
8	Kamrup	Hajo	1300K-2K-9L	NIL	
		Palashbari	45B-2K-7L	NIL	
		Chaygaon	15B-0K-0L	NIL	
		Chamaria	554B-0K-0L	107	464
		Nagarbera	18B-3K-5L	16	
9	Morigaon	Not Provided	6113B-1K-9L	2409	Not Provided
10	Nagaon	Kaliabor	396-0K-15L	22	
		Samuguri	899 Bigha	378	
		Kampur	11B-0K-0L	Not provided	
11	Dhubri	Dhubri	2070B-1K-11L	957	4625
		Golokganj	20B-0K-0L	39	202
		Agomani	827B-1K-0L	5	27
		Athani	2289B-2K-15L	163	815
		Bilasipara	289B-2K-19L	106	524
		Chapor	30b-0K-0L	5	22
		South Salmara	731B-2K-17L	917	3668
12	Dhemaji	Jonai		204	1478
		Sissiborgaon		204	
13	Bongaigoan	Srijangam	1471B-2K-19L	NIL	
		Boitamari	40B-0K-1L	NIL	
		Dangtal	105B-2K-3L	NIL	
14	Tinsukia		Nil		

\* B-Bigha, K-Katha and L-Lessa. Unit of land measurement.