

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4143
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2020

CONVERSION OF LAND IN RIVER AREAS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that some areas of Barpeta district in Assam have changed from land to river and river to land and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, whether the Government proposes to conduct a study in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take necessary steps to preserve the antiquity of those river in areas which change land from river and river from land; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) & (b) Yes, the Government of is aware of the fact regarding loss of land masses to the river in Barpeta District of Assam due to erosion by different rivers. Erosion and deposition is natural process of river. CWC has awarded consultancy of Morphological studies of river Brahmaputra using Remote Sensing Techniques to IIT Guwahati. As per this study report, in Barpeta District, in the left bank of river Brahmaputra, an erosion of 26.31 Sq. Km. and deposition of 2.5 Sq. Km. and similarly in the right bank of river Brahmaputra, an erosion of 418.39 Sq. Km. have been assessed by IIT Guwahati between the period 1973-74 to 2016-17

(c) & (d) The subject of 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, However, the Union Government renders assistance to States which is technical, Financial, advisory, catalytic and promotional in nature.

The Water Resources Department, Assam has taken up several anti-erosion/ Channelization/land reclamation measures at different locations under Barpeta District as per site requirement from the available resources of the State Government and also under SDRF and NABARD funding after conduction of necessary survey. The Water Resources Department, Assam has also taken up several schemes and formulated many new schemes for anti-erosion, channelization & land reclamation measures to preserve the antiquity of those rivers.
