

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2769
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2021

CONTROL OF EROSION

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that acute erosion occurs every year at various locations of Medertari, Fakirganj, Salmara and Hazirhat area on south bank of river Brahmaputra in Dhubri, South Salmara and Mankachar districts of Assam, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any data on area eroded away during the last three years, if so, the details of the number of families which have been affected by the erosion; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to control erosion in the area?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) The Government is aware of the fact that acute erosion occurs every year at various locations of Medertari, Fakirganj, Salmara and Hazirhat area on south bank of river Brahmaputra in Dhubri, South Salmara and Mankachar districts of Assam.

(b) The area and the population affected along with damage the crop and houses and cattle and human lives lost from floods in Assam for 2017-2019 is given below: -

| Year | Area affected m.ha | Population affected million | Damage to crops | | Damage to Houses | | Cattle lost nos. | Human lives lost nos. | Damage to public utilities (in Rs. Crore) | Total damages crops, houses & public utilities in Rs. Crore (Col.5+7+10) |
|------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| | | | Area m.ha | Value in Rs. Crore | Nos. | Value in Rs. Crore | | | | |
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. |
| 2017 | 0.280 | 5.602 | 0.280 | 178.690 | 111070 | 90.940 | 2763 | 160 | 3895.180 | 4164.810 |
| 2018 | 0.043 | 1.322 | 0.031 | 23.490 | 102737 | 84.010 | 122 | 53 | 2373.480 | 2480.980 |
| 2019 | 0.233 | 7.355 | 0.233 | 167.470 | 117831 | 151.400 | 281 | 103 | 2803.110 | 3121.980 |

(c) Flood management works are executed by the state government concerned, accordingly as informed by the Water Resources Department of the Government of Assam steps taken by them to Control erosion in the area are as follows:

- i. Anti-erosion measures to protect Bhalukmari and its adjoining areas from the erosion of river Brahmaputra (under FMP). Estimated Amount:- Rs.1177.91 Lakh.
- ii. Anti-erosion measures to protect Berabghanga area on I/B from the erosion of river Brahmaputra (channelization of river Brahmaputra from the Boro Balurchar to Kaliralga with reclamation of eroded land within the reach) (under FMP). Estimated Amount :- Rs.1494.91 Lakh.
- iii. Immediate measures for restoration of road cum bund on left bank of river Brahmaputra from Pampara to Baladoba in Fakirganj area under SDRF 2016-17. Estimated Amount : Rs.648.55 L
- iv. Restoration of and recoupment of breach like damages of road cum bund by flooding of river Brahmaputra at Nichinpur area under SOPD (FDR). Estimated Amount- Rs.651.02 Lakh.
- v. Restoration of and recoupment of breach like damages of road cum bund by flooding of river Brahmaputra at Fakirganj area under SOPD (FDR). Estimated Amount- Rs.293.63Lakh

Moreover, observing the acute erosion in this area, a proposal of Memo of works under nomenclature “Anti-erosion measures to protect Fakirganj to Hazirhat area from the erosion of river Brahmaputra on its south bank” at an estimated cost of Rs.249.70 Cr has been recommended by 79th State TAC with an aim to take up the scheme under ADB funded Tranche-III project.
