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QUESTION
Flood Management and Infrastructure Development in NER

4328. Shri Sukhdeo Bhagat:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Budget 2024-25 has been criticized for neglecting North Eastern Region (NER) of India pressing issues, particularly in flood management and infrastructure development, despite the region's recurring natural disasters, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the manner in which the Ministry is likely to ensure balanced development for critical infrastructure and disaster management in the NER despite inadequate budgetary allocations; and
- (c) the measures being implemented to address these disparities?

ANSWER

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

[Dr. Sukanta Majumdar]

(a) to (c) Flood management and anti-erosion schemes are formulated and implemented by concerned State Governments as per their priority. The Union Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical guidance and promotional financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas. Since XIth plan till date, Central Assistance amounting to Rs. 2382 crore has been released to flood management projects of North Eastern States under centrally sponsored scheme "Flood Management & Border Areas Programme (FMBAP)" of Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Budgetary support of Rs. 400 crore has been kept under FMBAP scheme in current F.Y. 2024-25 for the entire country, out of which central assistance of Rs.121.50 crore has been released to flood management projects in North Eastern Region (NER). A total of 208 Flood Management Projects have been completed in North Eastern states so far.

During the last 7 years(FY- 2017-18 to FY 2023-24), a total of 13 projects costing Rs.62.85 crore were sanctioned under Schemes of NEC for contributing to check erosion and control flood in NER. Moreover, a project titled "Protection of Majuli Island from Flood and Erosion of River Brahmaputra' was sanctioned in 2017 with an approved cost of Rs.207 crore under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources-Central.
