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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

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FLOOD CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE IN ASSAM

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific measures taken/being taken by the Government to address the recurring flooding issues in Dhubri Lok Sabha Constituency of Assam each year during the monsoon season;
- (b) the plans implemented/being implemented by the Government to enhance flood control infrastructure such as embankments, drainage systems and flood forecasting in order to reduce the impact of floods in the region; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide timely and sufficient relief and rehabilitation for the affected people of Dhubri, especially concern with the shelter, food, medical aid and rebuilding efforts after each flood occurrence?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) 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 also promotional financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas.

To strengthen the structural measures of flood management, Ministry had implemented Flood Management Programme (FMP) during XI & XII Plan for providing Central Assistance to States for works related to river management, flood control, anti-erosion, drainage development, anti-sea erosion, etc. which subsequently continued as a component of "Flood Management and Border Areas Programme" (FMBAP) for the period from 2017-18 to 2020-21 and was further extended up to March 2026. The central assistance released to the State of Assam since XI plan for flood/erosion management projects benefitting various districts including Dhubri under FMBAP scheme is Rs. 1557.04 Cr.

A scheme "Climate Resilient Brahmaputra Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Project in Assam-Goalpara Dhubri sub project (Zone D)" with estimated cost of Rs. 542.498 Cr. under Asian Development Bank (ADB) funding has been accepted in 154th meeting of Advisory Committee of DoWR, RD on Irrigation, Flood Control & Multipurpose Projects, MoJS held in the month of December 2023. Brahmaputra Board has also executed 2 (two) nos. of Anti-erosion project to enhance flood

control in Dhubri, namely i) Protection of Mankachar, Kalair-Alga International Border area from flood and erosion of river Brahmaputra with estimated cost of 20.25 Cr., aimed to safeguard vital border infrastructure, including fencing, roads, and the Sishumara Border Outpost (BoP), from the erosive forces of the river; & ii) Anti-erosion measures in Masalabari area near International Border in Dhubri district of Assam was undertaken with an expenditure of Rs. 5.79 Cr. with primary objective to safeguard the Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB) fencing from the erosive forces of the Brahmaputra River.

CWC issues flood forecasts as a non-structural measure of flood management, to concerned State Governments at identified locations. There are 30 level forecasting stations in Assam which includes Dhubri also.

(c) Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Govt of Assam has released the following funds under different sectors/heads to Dhubri district during F.Y. 2024-25 for timely relief and rehabilitation for the affected people as well as rebuilding efforts:

Sector/Head	Funds released in FY 2024-25
Gratuitous Relief (GR)	₹1667.76809 lakhs
Repairs and Restoration of Damaged Roads and Bridges (PWD)	₹ 280.99577 lakhs
Repairs and Restoration of damaged Flood Control Works (WRD)	₹ 486.37127 lakhs
Power Department	₹15.16500 lakhs

Further, Revenue & Disaster Management Department has distributed financial assistance to affected people of Dhubri through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in various Sectors/Departments as per SDRF Norms in FY 2024-25 as below:

S. No.	Department/Sector	Dhubri district	
		No of Beneficiaries	Amount (in ₹ lakhs)
1	Agriculture	15860	363.85065
2	Fishery	246	4.977
3	Sericulture	157	7.85
4	House Damage (Flood)	1177	181.69
5	House Damage (Storm)	34	24.96
6	Clothing & utensil	964	48.2
Total		18438	631.52765
