

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

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EROSION IN BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the continuous erosion by river Brahmaputra at various places including Kokradanga and its adjoining areas in the South Salmara-Mankachar district of Assam and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that due to the aforementioned continuous erosion of the road and fencing at international border, it would be submerged in Brahmaputra river thus compromising the safety and security of the country;
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken and the schemes being implemented in this matter; and
- (d) the details of the quantum of funds released for the purpose?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

- (a) Yes, Sir. As per information provided by Water Resources Department of Government of Assam, areas such as Berabhanga, Sukchar, Newajespur, Kokradanga have been subjected to severe bank erosion of river Brahmaputra since 2018. During 2022, development of several new off-shoot channels of river Brahmaputra caused severe erosion along river banks in the aforesaid areas.
- (b) As per information provided by Water Resources Department of Government of Assam, further erosion of the river banks may erode the border road and fencing in some of these areas.
- (c) & (d) Flood Management works are executed by State Government concerned. Accordingly, as informed by the Water Resources Department of Government of Assam, one emergency temporary restoration measure under the scheme “Immediate measures for temporary restoration of Kaliralga area from flooding of river Brahmaputra under SDRF for 2022-23”, amounting to Rs. 25.14 lakh, was taken up for implementation at Kokradanga during the floods of 2022-23.

Further, Water Resources Department of Government of Assam has formulated a scheme namely “Anti-erosion measures to protect Newajespur to Kaliralga and its adjoining areas from the erosion of river Brahmaputra” to protect Newajespur to Kaliralga (Kokradanga) and its adjoining areas at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.91 crore.

In addition to above, Government of India has sanctioned a scheme “Protection of Mankachar, Kalair-Alga International Border area from erosion of River Brahmaputra”, which has been executed by Brahmaputra Board with an expenditure of Rs. 18.50 crore. The work has been completed in the year 2021-22.
