

Regarding alleged encroachment and illegal land filling in and around the Deepor Beel, the only Ramsar Wetland site in Assam

SHRIMATI BIJULI KALITA MEDHI (GUWAHATI): Thank you Chairman Sir for giving me an opportunity to draw the attention of the alarming situation concerning Deepor Beel, the only Ramsar Wetland Sites, in Assam and a vital ecological treasure of Guwahati city. It plays a crucial role in groundwater recharge, flood mitigation and livelihood support for numerous local communities. However, this critical ecosystem is under grave threat due to encroachment and illegal land filling in and around the Beel. There is continuous pollution from municipal solid waste which is resulting into degradation of bird habitat threatening over 150 bird species.

Through you, Sir, I urge the Central Government to direct the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to take immediate steps to restore and conserve Deepor Beel and declare it as a protected eco-tourism zone. Thank you, Sir.