

Regarding request for special assistance for comprehensive, scientific and long term flood and drainage management plan for Guwahati city

SHRIMATI BIJULI KALITA MEDHI (GUWAHATI): Thank you Chairman Sir for giving me an opportunity to draw the attention of the Government to the recurring problem of artificial flood and severe water logging in Guwahati city. Every year, even within few hours of rainfall, major roads, residential areas, hospitals, schools and market places get submerged. This is not a natural flood. It is a result of inadequate drainage, heavy siltation, blockage of natural water channels and unplanned urban growth.

Water coming from nearby State Meghalaya also creates a great problem. Natural water bodies like Bharalu, Mora Bharalu and Bahini channels are congested and closed. Our State Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Dr. Hemanta Biswa Sarma has done several interventions to solve this problem and my special thanks to the Central Government for sanctioning Rs. 200 hundred crore to develop the drainage system for the people of Guwahati so that they will get relief from the flood.

I urge the Central Government for special assistance for comprehensive, scientific and long term flood and drainage management plan for Guwahati city.

Thank you, Sir.