

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1872
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MAJULI ISLAND
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Majuli island situated between the two banks of Brahmaputra river is in danger due to soil erosion; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Some reaches along the banks of Majuli island have been affected by soil erosion due to floods in river Brahmaputra.

(b) Brahmaputra Board has prepared Detailed Project Report with an estimated cost of Rs. 102.43 crore for the protection of Majuli Island. For implementing anti-erosion and drainage development schemes during the X Plan, Ministry of Water Resources has provided an outlay of Rs. 42 crore for "New Scheme of Majuli Island in Assam, Dibang Project, etc".

The Government of Assam has also taken up three number of short-term flood management schemes costing about Rs. 10 crore to protect the Majuli Island.