

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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LAND EROSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether vast tracts of land have been lost due to erosion by Brahmaputra floods in Assam and neighbouring States this year;
- (b) if so, the areas of land so eroded in Assam and other States; and
- (c) the steps taken to restore the land and the Central aid sought and given to the States for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) Floods and associated Erosion is a continuous and natural phenomenon of all alluvial rivers including Brahamaputra, which is occurring this year also.

(b) & (c) Government of India has approved a scheme amounting to Rs.150 crore for funding to Assam and other North Eastern States including Sikkim and West Bengal (North Bengal) for taking up critical flood management / anti erosion works. Out of this, Rs.11.4 crore was released during the year 2004-05. During 2005-06, Rs 14.63 crore was released so far. A scheme amounting to Rs.41.28 crore has also been approved in January, 2005 for the protection of Majuli island and taken up by Brahmaputra Board for execution.