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Title: Regarding need to formulate a strategy to check land-erosion caused by Brahmaputra in Assam and also take measures to rehabilitate the homeless and landless people in the State.

SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN (NOWGONG): Flood and erosion in the Brahmaputra valley have become the sorrow of Assam. Erosion mainly in the southern bank of the Brahmaputra affects thousands of villages, lakhs of hectares of paddy land making lakhs of people homeless and landless. As per statistics made available by the Government of Assam, about 4.50 lakhs of paddy field have been taken away by the Brahmaputra and more than one lakh families are living on its embankment and road. Nothing has been done either to protect the destructive erosion or to rehabilitate the homeless and land less people. The Government should take immediate steps to rehabilitate the homeless and landless people and long term well-planned strategy be chalked out to check erosion.