

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Issue regarding water resources, skill development and soil erosion related works to be done in Barpeta districts, Assam.

श्री अब्दुल खालेक (बारपेटा) : महोदय, हमें बोलने का मौका नहीं मिलता है । आज मुझे बोलने का समय दीजिएगा ।

* Honorable Chairperson, I am thankful to the Government of India for including Barpeta as one of the *Aspirational Districts*. However, the work that needs to be done under *Aspirational Districts* is not visible in the area. As for example, under the scheme, importance has been given to agriculture and water resources, but you would be surprised to note that not even a single penny has been spent for water resources, particularly for embankment work. A proposal worth Rs. 420 crore was sent to Central Water Commission for embankment work along Beki and Manas Rivers. Rs. 400 crore have been sanctioned by the Commission. But the government has not clarified when the work is going to start. Soil erosion in Brahmaputra has created havoc in the area, whether it is Bamun Dongra, Kala Banda, *Kachumara*, Pajar Bhanga or Jogighopa.

Mr. Chairman Sir, I am concluding. But I don't get opportunity to speak in spite of sitting till late night. Today, my name is selected amongst the listed members.

There is a provision for giving importance to education. But as I have demanded under 'Rule 377' also one Central University should be established in the area.

Hon.Chairman Sir, there is a mention of financial inclusion and skill development. But no work has been done under skill development.

Under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, skill development is mentioned in the website only. Therefore, hon. Chairman Sir, I demand that under water resources, skill development and soil erosion, works should be done. But work under *Aspirational Districts* has not been done. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.*