

## **Need to address the problems of flood and erosion caused by river Brahmaputra in Assam-laid**

**MD. RAKIBUL HUSSAIN (DHUBRI):** Due to river erosion, Assam loses approximately 8,000 hectares of fertile land annually. In the past 50 years, nearly 4,000 square kilometres, or 7.4% of the State's area, has been lost. The floods worsen the situation, affecting over 30% of Assam's population annually. In 2023 alone, 20 districts and over 100,000 people were impacted. Despite its severity since ages, river erosion in Assam was recently recognized as a natural calamity by the 15th Finance Commission. However, bureaucratic inefficiencies often hinder the effective distribution of the funds to beneficiaries. Recurring soil erosion and floods caused by the Brahmaputra and its tributaries in Assam are a national concern. Therefore, I urge the Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division) and the Ministry of Jal Shakti to take immediate, coordinated action to mitigate its impact and declare the flood & erosion problem of Assam as a national problem.