

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3966
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FLOODS IN ASSAM
MONIKUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether devastation caused by Brahmaputra in Assam and other surrounding areas every year;
- (b) if so, the details of loss of life, property, crops and livestock and other damages suffered during 1997-98, 1998-99 and the current year; and
- (c) the flood control and flood prevention measures taken by the Government every year and the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

- (a) Brahmaputra affects the ecology and life of people in its course every year.
- (b) A statement indicating the details is enclosed at annexure.
- (c) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to undertake appropriate measures. However, Government of India renders central assistance to the State Government of Assam for taking up short-term flood control measures. During the last three years, the assistance provided to the State for flood management under the State Plan as well as from Central Government is as under:-

(Rs. In crores)

1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000

Approved outlay 19.92 20.27 27.57
under State Plan

Central assistance 18.00 18.00 15.00
from budget of Ministry
of Water Resources

The State Government has undertaken short-term flood control measures from the above provided funds.
Annexure

Damage due to floods in Assam

Year	Human life Lost (Nos.)	Damage to houses/huts (Nos.)	Damage to crop area (in lakh ha.)	Animal/Livestock (Nos.)	Other damages
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1997-98	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
1998-99		105	30399	2.89	7814	Nil
1999-2000		3	126	1.06	Nil	Nil

