

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2724  
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2005  
MAJAUJI ISLAND  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Majauli Island in Assam is likely to disappear due to erosion;
- (b) if so, whether any preventive measures have been taken to save the Island; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the area of Island in 1956 and at present?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) No Sir. To combat the erosion problem in Majuli Island, preventive measures have been taken to save the island.

(c) The problem of erosion is tackled by Government of India on a short-term as well as long-term basis. As regards short-term measures, a scheme costing Rs. 6.22 crore has been successfully completed by the Brahmaputra Board. As regards the long-term measures, Phase-I works amounting to Rs. 41.28 crore have been approved by Government of India in January, 2005 and have already been taken up by the Brahmaputra Board.

The area of the island was 1246 sq. km. in 1950. The problem of flood and erosion aggravated after the earthquake of 1950 and as per available revenue records, the island lost 370 sq. km. of area in 50 years.