

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CORRUPTION IN FLOOD CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total area of the world's biggest river Island Majuli in Assam lost during 2005 and 2012 due to floods;
- (b) whether the Union Government is aware of the failure of the Brahmaputra Board in protecting the Island due to rampant corruption in implementing several flood control projects in the Island which has been reported very frequently in the media;
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering to revamp the Brahmaputra Board by punishing the corrupt officials; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) There has not been, further loss of land mass of Majuli Island during 2005 and 2012 due to floods. In fact the trend of the loss of land mass since 2004 has been reversed and there is net gain in the land mass area of about 20.52 sq km. as per the NRSA data for the years 2004 and 2013.
- (b) No madam, at present no investigation or rampant corruption in implementing flood control measures in Majuli Island either is in process or in contemplation.
- (c) In order to make effective management and development of the water Resources in Brahmaputra Basin the government of India had proposed to revamp/ restructure Brahmaputra Board. The Restructuring of Brahmaputra board is not at all related to punish the corrupt officials.
- (d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.