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EMBANKMENTS IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has the latest status report of the embankments and dykes in Assam;
- (b) if so, the latest position of the embankments and dykes of the Brahmaputra in Barpeta and Bongaigaon districts of Assam; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to repair the embankments, dykes to control river erosion in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(PROF.SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) Yes Madam. The Government of Assam has informed that it constituted a Committee to examine the state of existing embankment system in Brahmaputra and Barak Valley during 2007-08. The Committee felt that the entire network of embankments can be divided into 3 groups, viz. extremely vulnerable, vulnerable and reasonably safe as can be seen below:-

Sl. No.	Category	% of total length
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1	Extremely vulnerable	21.30%
2	Vulnerable	53.60%
3	Reasonably Safe	25.10%
	Total	100.00%

The majority of the embankments are vulnerable and need immediate maintenance measures.

(b) Government of Assam has provided the latest position of the outlived embankments and dykes of the river Brahmaputra under Barpeta W.R Division in Barpeta District. The same can be seen at Annexure.

However, there is no embankment of river Brahmaputra in Bongaigaon District.

(c) To strengthen the embankments and to control river bank erosion in the State of Assam, Water Resources Department had executed 100 schemes under Flood Management Programme (FMP) during the XI Plan. During the XII Plan, 41 schemes have been included under FMP for effective flood and erosion mitigation of river Brahmaputra, Barak and its tributaries. Another 54 schemes have been formulated and are under different stages of process at Central Water Commission and NITI Ayog.