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Title: Need to prepare a Master Plan for prevention of massive erosion by the river Brahmaputra in Assam--Laid.

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DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA (LAKHIMPUR): Attention of the Government is drawn regarding massive erosion by the river Brahmaputra and its tributaries in Assam. The proposal of DONER Ministry for preparing a Master Plan for controlling Brahmaputra and for an integrated development plan should receive highest priority of the Government. An independent regional implementing agency should be created by the Union Government with concerned Ministries, CWC and Brahmaputra Board with exclusive power and authority for designing the mathematical model and for planning and execution of the Master plan including mobilization of fund from National and International funding agencies in addition to the usual budgetary support. To start with, the extensive erosion of Lali Siang channel of Brahmaputra in the Jonai Civil sub-division of Dhemaji District of Assam bordering Arunachal Pradesh should be surveyed by a Central team immediately since it has threatened the famous Poba forest Bio-reserve and Kobu Chapori river island besides posing a great threat to the Jonai town. Already large number of families in the Kobu Chapori and Bera Chapori area from the point of Oiramghat to Songkong of Majorbari ghat were uprooted because of severe erosion. Raising of boulder spurs along both sides of the river should be taken up immediately before the proposed Master plan is finalized.

I also urge upon the Hon'ble Prime Minister for urgent action towards creating the aforementioned independent agency with effective collaboration of the Ministry of DONER, Water Resources and the Planning Commission besides tackling the erosion of Jonai area with top most priority.