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Title: Need to address the problem of floods and erosion in Assam.

SHRI RAMEN DEKA (MANGALDOI): The flood in Assam during 2011 affected total population of 9,11,080 under 322 revenue circles of 12 districts of Lakhimpur, Nagaon, Karbi Anglong, Sivsagar, Dhubri and Chirang. The worst-hit districts were Dhemaji, Chirang, Kokarajhar. The floods have also damaged 43 embankments. During this flood periods number of bridges and roads got damaged. The livestock and crop perished and destroyed during recurring floods in Assam. After 64 years of independence in this scientific era successive Governments in Centre & State failed to combat floods in Assam which creates havoc every year.

The Central Government should come forward with long term and short-term plan with scientific approach. I urge upon the Government to declare flood and erosion in Assam as a National Disaster.

There is disturbing news that the water level of Brahmaputra comes down heavily which is unprecedented. Perhaps this is due to diversion of water in great bend of Brahmaputra in China. I urge upon the Central Government to clear the position of Brahmaputra across the border. Central Government should come out with a concrete plan for proper utilization of Brahmaputra water in power and irrigation sector. Once again, I urge upon the Central Government to take urgent steps to address the problem of flood and erosion in Assam.