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Title: Need to address the problem of perennial flood caused by the Brahmaputra river in North Eastern Region particularly in Assam.

SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN (NOWGONG): The havoc which has been created by the perennial flood in the North Eastern Region of the country is well known to all. The erosion by the Brahmaputra added a new dimension to the flood problem particularly in Assam. Besides innumerable loss of lives, crops are destructed. Lakhs of hectares of land has been taken away by the Brahmaputra and lakhs of peoples are made homeless, landless. More than 60,000 hectares of forest area of Kaziranga National Park, the inhabitation of world famous one horned rhinoceros has been taken away. The perennial flood and devastating land erosion by the Brahmaputra, both are very important matter to be taken care of by the Government. Such a matter with great importance should be declared as National calamity. Flood is a natural calamity caused due to several reasons. But the erosion occurs due to heavy silting of the riverbed and can be protected through scientific protective measures. The Government should take up the matter under National Disaster Management scheme urgently.