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Title: Need to increase anti-erosion projects for Assam.

SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA (JORHAT): Assam with its vast network of rivers is prone to natural disasters like flood and erosion which has a negative impact on overall development of the state. The Brahmaputra and Barak rivers with more than 50 tributaries feeding them, cause flood devastation during the monsoon period every year. The flood and erosion problem of Assam is different from other states so far as the spread and duration of flood as well as magnitude of erosion is concerned.

A major problem being faced by Assam is bank erosion by Brahmaputra, Barak and its tributaries. Damages caused due to erosion run into several hundred crores every year. Erosion of banks by the rivers has been a serious issue for the last six decades as more than 4.27 lakh hectares of land have already been eroded by Brahmaputra and its tributaries since 1950, which is 7.40% of area of the state.

Now, new areas are being affected by erosion every year. The riverine fertile agricultural lands of the state are getting reduced due to erosion, which has a very negative impact on the rural economy of the state.

I request the Government to kindly increase anti-erosion projects for Assam immediately.