

Press Note on Restructuring of Brahmaputra Board

Brahmaputra Board was established under Brahmaputra Board Act, 1980 is mandated for planning and integrated implementation for control of flood and bank erosion in the Brahmaputra and Barak Valley and for matters connected therewith. Brahmaputra Board is playing its role since its establishment in 1982 with Headquarters at Guwahati.

A need was felt that for better basin management in an integrated manner, the Board should have its foot print in all North Eastern States and North Bengal which will cover all tributaries of Brahmaputra and Barak. Government of India took the matter in right earnest and appointed a Committee headed by former Chairman of Central Water Commission (CWC), Shri A. B. Pandya which after detailed study recommended restructuring of Brahmaputra Board.

After an elaborate exercise spanning different levels, Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Shri Nitin Jayaram Gadkari approved the restructuring of Brahmaputra Board and Government order has been issued now. As per this, total 9 (nine) Regional Offices of the Brahmaputra Board, one in each Capital of the NE States and one in North Bengal at Siliguri will be set up. These will be manned by the officers of the rank of Deputy Chief Engineer/ Superintending Engineer – creating a pyramidal structure focussed on planning, flood protection and anti-erosion in N.E. Region.

This will help plan integrated management of water resources in general and flood and anti-erosion control in particular in entire NE Region.

North Eastern Hydraulic and Allied Research Institute (NEHARI), an Institute under Brahmaputra Board set up under Assam Accord, will also be upgraded by improving its infrastructure and laboratories.