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Ministry of Water Resources,
River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
Brahmaputra Board

Basistha, Guwahati -29
Dated March 10, 2016

To

Shri Gajen Chandra Kalita
Dharapur (Dhopartol)
P. S. - Azara, Guwahati
Kamrup Metro, Assam
PIN -781017


Sub : Petition of Shri Gajen Chandra Kalita, Dharapur(Dhopartol) P. S. - Azara, Guwahati, Kamrup Metro, Assam regarding protect people from disaster of river Brahmaputra

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated August 14, 2015 addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India regarding the present status of the work on 'Protect people from disaster of river Brahmaputra', it is to state that as reported earlier there is no severe erosion threat noticed in the area and in view of that no scheme has been proposed by Brahmaputra Board. As there is no scheme, giving status of scheme does not arise. A copy of the earlier report is enclosed herewith for reference. With this your petition has been disposed off.

Enclo : As above

Yours faithfully,


(J. C. Mazumdar)
Executive Engineer (HQ)

Copy for information to:

The Commissioner (B&B), Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR, 2nd Floor, Block No. 3, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi -110 003. The matter may be treated as disposed off.

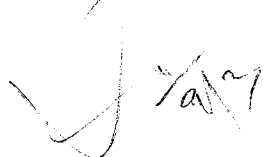
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Executive Engineer (HQ)

A report on the visit of the area to be protected from disaster of river Brahmaputra on 04/03/2015

A team comprises of Executive Engineer Guwahati Division, Brahmaputra Board accompanied by Assistant Executive Engineer Mirza sub-division and other field officials and staff of Guwahati Division visited the area with the letter head "protect people from disaster of river Brahmaputra" on 4th March, 2015 to have an on the spot visualization of the problems as stated in the letter, addressed to the honourable Prime Minister of India, by Mr. Gajen Chandra kalita, a social worker and inhabitant of the Dharapur (Dhopartal) village of kamrup district Assam. Sri Kalita along with few villagers of the locality also accompanied the visiting team during its visit to the area. The team has observed that as stated in the letter, about 3000 population of 9(nine) villages namely Dharapur, Jangabari, Garol, kuhabori, Bhattapara, Kendukuchi, Majirgaon, Sadilapur and Palasbari are dependent on the agricultural activities in a Land mass in the midst of river Brahmaputra. The island, encompassing an area of about 5000 Ha is locally called as Rani Chapari (Majoli), is a fertile land mass which does not have a permanent bank line. In actual practice, the land area of the Rani Chapari island increases or decreases, synchronizing with the aggradations and degradation activity of the river. The Chapari or the river island is separated with the villages by a distance of about 1.00 Km. As reported by some of the villagers, they use to go to the area by country boat in the morning and return to their respective villages in the evening after carrying out agricultural activities in the area. As per their version, only some agricultural labourers engaged by them to help them for performing cultivation and other related works stay there in the island. However, as stated in the letter, neither such disaster nor severe erosion threat was noticed in the area. Moreover, Protection of the area from the riverbank erosion of the area is being taken up by the Water resources department Government of Assam. The team had observed that, the Water resources department is taking up bank revetment work on the bank of the river at vulnerable reaches. As gathered, earlier also, some anti- erosion measures in the form of bank revetment work on the vulnerable stretches on the river bank of the villages were taken up by the state water resources department. Few photographs taken during the visit shows the ongoing works for protection of the river bank being taking up in the Dharapur and Garol village and measures taken earlier at some locations have been appended with this report.

From the discussion with the villagers, the team has observed that, the people of the area desire that, modern sophisticated instruments/equipments be provided to them for carrying out agricultural practices in the Rani Chapari area, the area may be connected with Electricity so that modern electrical equipments could be operated for better agricultural practices and the island be connected with a bridge for better connectivity of the agricultural area with the villages located on the other bank.

It is recommended that, the Water resources department Assam, Agriculture department Assam, PWD Assam and APDCL Assam may initiate appropriate steps in providing adequate measures to protect the area from threat of erosion, Agriculture department to provide modern equipments for better agricultural practices, Assam PWD department to study the feasibility to construct a bridge for better communication of the villages with the island and State APDCL authority to study the feasibility of connecting the area with electrical network.


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