

Government of India  
Ministry of Water Resources,  
River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation  
Brahmaputra Board

Basistha, Guwahati -29  
Dated June 30, 2015

To,

The Commissioner (B&B)  
Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR  
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New Delhi-110 003

Sub: VIP Reference received from Brihattar Asomiya Yuva Mancha, Guwahati regarding poaching of Rhinoceros in Wildlife Sanctuaries and problem of soil erosion in river line areas in Assam and other matters

Sir,

Kindly refer to MoWR, RD&GR letter No.X-2/2015-B&B/03-05 dated 31.03.2015 on the subject cited above. A copy of OM No. 11012/1/2015-NE-IV dated 23.03.2015 and a representation from Brihattar Asomiya Yuva Mancha, Guwahati addressed to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Home Affairs on the subject cited above was enclosed with a request to offer comments / views on the issues raised in the representation. Comments / views on the issue raised in the representation pertaining to Brahmaputra Board is as under-

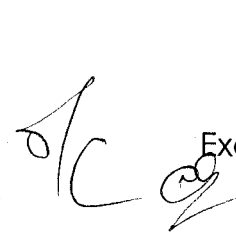
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1	A scientific and sustainable solution to the problem of soil erosion in the river line areas of Assam and to ensure financial aid and rehabilitation for the livelihood of those people who are affected by the problem every year	Brahmaputra Board has prepared 60 Master Plans including Main Stem of Brahmaputra, Barak River System and Tributaries. The Master Plans, prepared river basin/sub-basin -wise, include information on Water Resources available, temporal distribution of Water Resources, design flood, water requirement for various uses, water balance study, problem areas identified, past works done, suggested measures for tackling balance problem, probable cost of measures suggested, benefits likely to accrue on implementation of master plan recommendations etc. The main recommendations include both structural and non-structural measures for flood management on short, medium and long-term basis apart from multi-purpose project.

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		<p>In Master Plans, 'Causes' and 'Remedy' of river erosion problem have been discussed and suggested measures for tackling balance problem, probable cost of measures suggested, benefits likely to accrue on implementation of master plan recommendations etc. On implementation of the recommendations of Master Plans, problem of soil erosion in the river line areas of Assam will be reduced to a sustainable level.</p> <p>Out of 60 Master Plans prepared so far, 49 Master Plans including Brahmaputra and Barak River System and 47 tributaries have been approved by Government of India. All the approved Master Plans have been forwarded to all concerned State Governments including Government of Assam for implementation of the recommendations contained in the Master Plans.</p> <p>Further, the part of the point "to ensure financial aid and rehabilitation for the livelihood of those people who are affected by the problem every year" is not pertaining to Brahmaputra Board and therefore, no comment to offer.</p>

Yours faithfully,

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