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CM visits flood affected Kamrup and Darrang districts

Interacts with flood victims; assures all government helps towards rescue, relief and rehabilitation

Inspects embankment breach sites at Darrang district, directs immediate repair and restoration

Dispur, June 18: As the state is reeling under flood caused by incessant rain with most of the rivers in the state are following above danger level, impacting large number of people in 28 districts, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today visited the flood affected Kamrup and Darrang districts, took stock of the ground situation and talked to the flood affected people with direction of adequate government help.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma during his visit, took stock of the flood situation prevailing in Rangia town and talked to the flood affected people taken shelter at Fatima Convent school in the town. He spent some time in the relief camp and took stock of the rescue, relief and rehabilitation works being undertaken by the sub-division administration in association with the district administration. While talking to the camp inmates, he asked DC Kamrup Kailash Karthik N to make available the relief materials in adequate quantity so the affected people do not suffer from any shortage of essential commodities. He also asked the DC to ensure medical facilities along with clean drinking water and hygiene in the relief camps. The Chief Minister also asked the DC and SDO (C) to reach out to the marooned people, evacuate them and put them in relief camps.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also visited the flood affected places of Kolajol areas of Kamalpur Revenue circle in Kamrup and interacted with the people took shelter at the make shift relief camps set up along the national highway. Walking along the national high way in spite of inclement weather and heavy downpour, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma visited three make shift relief camps on the highway, talked to the flood affected people and assured them of all government help including repairing their damaged houses. MLA Rangia Bhabesh Kalita, MLA Hajo Suman Haripriya, MLA Kamalpur Dignata Kalita also accompanied the Chief Minister during his visit to the flood affected places in Kamrup district. Dr. Sarma also visited Salmara area in Kamrup district where surging flood water posed a threat on the National Highway No. 52.

The Chief Minister during his day long tour to North Assam, also visited the flood ravaged areas of Darrang district where he inspected a breached embankment namely Nonoi RB Embankment near Dipila at Pathurughat in Darrang district. He assessed the magnitude of flood and resultant damage caused by the breached embankment and took stock of the measures taken by Water Resources Department to mitigate the sufferings of the people. He asked the concerned officials of Water Resources department to repair the breached portion at the earliest as soon as the flood water recedes. He also talked to local people affected by flood and asked DC Darrang Pranab Kumar Sarmah to reach out to the people with adequate relief materials. He also asked the administration to rescue the marooned people and keep them in relief camps.

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Dr. Sarma also asked the accompanying MLA Paramananda Rajbongshi to prepare a list with the help from district administration enlisting the names of those people whose houses have been damaged by the flood waters to enable the government to help them in getting their shelters reconstructed.

Wading through gushing flood water Dr. Sarma also visited Bor Athiabari area in Darrang district where flooding caused by the breach of an embankment by the surging Saktola river inundating large areas leading to sufferings of the people. He held talks with the officials of Water Resources Department to plug the breached portion at the earliest. Assuring the flood affected local people of the area Dr. Sarma informed that the embankment that saves the local people of Bor Athiabari area from recurring floods would be reconstructed with new alignment to provide fortification to the existing embankment. Moreover, he said that after the flood water recedes and life limps back to normal, Minister Water Resources and Minister Irrigation will visit the breached embankment areas and oversee their construction.

Member of Parliament Mangaldoi Dilip Saikia, MLA Rangia Bhabesh Kalita, MLA Sipajhar Paramananda Rajbongshi, MLA Mangaldoi Basanta Das, former MLA Gurujyoti Das were present during Chief Minister's visit to the flood affected areas.

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