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Dr. Sarma visits flood hit Karimganj district

Asks DC to expedite relief and rehabilitation measures

Government to build a guest house and floating solar power project at Son Beel: CM

Dispur, July 1: In view of the unprecedented flood that hit Karimganj district, affecting 544 villages, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today visited the flood affected areas of the district and asked the district administration to reach out to people and expeditiously carry out survey to assess the number of houses and fisheries damaged by flood to enable the government to undertake rehabilitation and reconstruction works at the earliest.

It may be noted that the current wave of flood has affected more than 3.75 lakh people, damaging 5615 hectre crop areas including widespread damage to lives and properties in Karimganj district.

Chief Minister Dr Sarma visited the badly affected Kalibari and Gopikanagar areas of Ratabari Constituency which bore the brunt of the flood and interacted with the people. He also visited a relief camp set up at Subhash High School and talked to the inmates taking shelter there. He asked DC Mridul Yadav to ensure that there is no shortage of any relief materials including medicines and baby food for the camp inmates. He also asked the DC to take necessary steps of medical intervention for a few elderly camp inmates.

During his visit to flood hit areas, the Chief Minister wading through the flood water, visited Srirampur village located at Ratabari Constituency. Since the village is surrounded by flood water, he took a boat to reach out to that village and talked to the marooned people. He, however, appreciated the resilience shown by the flood affected people in that village who coped with their hardships bravely. He asked the DC to ensure that the villagers get adequate quantity of relief. He also asked him to take steps to repair their damaged houses and help their rehabilitation process once the flood waters recede.

Dr. Sarma also visited 114 No. Ramkrishna Lower Primary school at Srirampur village and talked to managing committee of the school. The Chief Minister said that government will rebuild the school to help it resume it's academic activities. He also asked the managing committee to ensure sizeable number of students in the school.

Chief Minister Dr Sarma also held a quick review of the current flood situation in the district with the district administration. He asked the DC to prepare a comprehensive action plan to manage the post flood situation and take up the rehabilitation and restoration works on a war footing. He asked him to undertake a survey to prepare a list enlisting the number of damaged houses, fisheries and roads to help the government to take up reconstruction works at the earliest. Considering the huge tourism potentials of Son Beel, one of the largest fresh water lakes in Asia, Dr. Sarma said that government will build a good quality guest house with all modern amenities and a floating solar power project at Son Beel. He also asked the

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DC to render all the benefits to the flood victims during and after flood that government has initiated from time to time.

Minister PHE Tourism etc Jayanta Malla Baruah, MP Kripanath Malla, MLAs Bhabesh Kalita, Bijay Malakar, Krishnandu Paul, Siddeque Ahmed were also present during Chief Minister's visit to flood hit areas.

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