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CM attends Coordination and Monitoring Committee meeting in Majuli

CM directs to prepare future vision plan for Majuli

Dispur, February 21: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today attended the District level Coordination and Monitoring Committee meeting of Majuli district and reviewed the implementation of various developmental schemes of the Central and State governments. The Chief Minister took stock of functioning of PWD, Water Resources, Tourism and Brahmaputra Board in the meeting, which was held in the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner, Majuli.

The Chief Minister directed the PWD department to prepare a detail project for developing seamless connectivity covering 216 villages of Majuli district and submit the same to the government. He emphasised on preparing a future vision plan for Majuli in consultation with PRI representatives. He asked the PWD officials to maintain quality in their work and said that the department would have to expeditiously complete the projects. He also directed the PWD contractors to complete the projects as per time schedule fixed in the contract and said that legal action would be initiated against contractors who fail to complete the projects on time.

Chief Minister Sonowal said that since the formation of his government, more than 350 crore were spent in Majuli for construction of roads and bridges and a result of which there is a marked change in the connectivity sector in the district. He stressed on maintenance of the roads and directed the PWD officials to carry out field level survey at Ahatguri and Bhakatchapori for construction of roads and bridges. He also asked concerned officials to take steps for installation of street lights in Majuli.

While reviewing the works of Water Resources Department and the Brahmaputra Board, the Chief Minister directed to form a team of the WR department to conduct field level survey on the condition of the embankments before the onset of monsoon. The team would also take help of the services of experts and consult with local people and prepare a report on the vulnerability of the embankments so that necessary action could be taken well in time.

The Chief Minister directed the WR department and Brahmaputra Board officials to work in cooperation and take the help of IIT experts to prepare a long term plan for permanent solution of protection of Majuli island. He also instructed to take steps for construction of service roads along the embankments wherever



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needed and motivate the local youth for plantation of cane on the river side of the embankment to check erosion. He said that the government would provide subsidy against such cultivation under Bamboo and Cane Policy of the government.

Chief Minister Sonowal further directed the WR department to construct sluice gates to ensure regular flow of water to the water-bodies from the Brahmaputra River. He asked the department to take help of digital system for opening and closing of the sluice gates so that no anti-social elements could take advantage of the gates. He also instructed to form monitoring committee for looking after the porcupines installed by the Brahmaputra Board by engaging local youth.

The Chief Minister while reviewing the implementation of various tourism schemes in Majuli made several suggestions to make the schemes more effective.

While Lakhimpur MP Pradan Baruah presided over the District level Coordination and Monitoring Committee meeting, it was attended by chairperson of Majuli Zila Parishad Papu Dutta Hazarika, DC Bikram Kairi, chairman of Brahmaputra Board Rajiv Yadav, CEM of Deuri Autonomous Council Madhav Deuri and senior officials of government departments.

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