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CM visits areas affected by flood of Pahumara River in Barpeta

Dispur, July 20: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal visited the Gohinpara area affected by flood of Pahumara River in Barpeta district and took stock of the damages there along with flood ravaged DouL Gosain Than and Bamkhata-Kenduguri road. He directed the Water Resource Minister to find permanent solution of the perennial flood and erosion in the area after carrying out scientific study of Pahumara River.

He also asked the departments of agriculture, DRDA and soil conservation to erect agricultural embankments after consultation with water resource department. Water Resource Minister Keshab Mahanta, Housefed Chairman Ranjit Kumar Das, MLAs Pabindra Deka, Ashok Sarma, DC and SP Barpeta and top officials of various departments accompanied the Chief Minister during the visit.

Later talking to the newsmen, the Chief Minister said that flood and erosion have been causing devastations every year in the state as nearly 9 thousand hectares of lands are claimed by erosion every year in the state. He also asserted that the accusations, made by opposition that flood affected people have not received any relief material, were completely baseless and he urged everyone, including journalists, to bring to notice of administration if any flood victim is left out of the ambit of relief measures.

Sonowal also informed that the Central Government would take up the matter with neighboring Bhutan from where floodwaters come down every year to cause havoc in the state and he said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi constituted a national committee which recommended setting up of North East Water Management Authority under the chairmanship of NITI Aayog Vice Chairman to permanently solve the issues of flood and erosion in the state.

The Chief Minister said that DCs of all districts have been directed to ensure availability of relief materials, medical facility, cattle fodders etc for the flood affected people. Later, he also visited the flood relief camp set up at Dakshin Barpeta Bidya Mandir High School at Barpeta town and interacted with the inmates there while taking stock of facilities provided to them.

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