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**Sonowal takes stock of flood situation**

**Asks in charge ministers, MPs and MLAs to rush to affected areas**

**Directs Water Resources Department to repair breached embankments on war footing**

**Dispur, July 12:** As the flood situation in Assam remains critical, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal asked the in-charge ministers to rush to their respective districts, be with the affected people and expedite the relief and rescue operations with district administrations.

Taking stock of the flood situation in the state at a meeting in the Chief Minister's residence here today with Water Resources Minister Keshab Mahanta, Chief Minister Sonowal asked the MPs and MLAs to stand by the flood affected people and lend their hands in relief and rescue operations. It may be noted that due to intermittent rains as most of the rivers in the state are in spate, the flood situation has turned grim, necessitating the district administrations to be with the affected people with their men and materials and expeditiously provide relief and rescue operations. He also asked the Deputy Commissioners to take the help of NDRF and SDRF personnel for reaching out to the affected people. Sonowal asked the in charge ministers, MPs and MLAs of the affected districts to help the district administrations and work in coordination to help the affected people.

Chief Minister Sonowal also took stock of the vast networks of embankments of the state as well as the embankments which sustained breach by the consecutive waves of flood in the state. Taking note of the power point presentation on all the breached embankments of the state by the Water Resources Department, Sonowal asked the department to repair the breached portion of the embankments on a war footing and save the people from a possible deluge of new areas. He also asked the department to delegate its field level staff to maintain a close surveillance on the embankments and take remedial steps if any part of the embankment is breached.

Water Resources Minister Keshab Mahanta, Additional Chief Secretary Water Resources Syedian Abbasi, Chief Minister's Principal Secretary Sanjay Lohiya, CEO Assam State Disaster Management Authority M.S. Manivannan and few other senior officers were present in the meeting.

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