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CM visits flood hit areas of Morigaon district

**Govt. to build 7.5 k.m. long embankment bordering Jagiroad and
Lahorighat LAC**

Dispur, July 19: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal visited the flood affected areas of Mayong Revenue Circle under Jagiroad LAC in Morigaon district today. The Chief Minister took a mechanized boat ride to take stock of the prevailing flood situation in the district. He visited Modonabori village where nearly 200 families are taking shelter on a highland. The Chief Minister interacted with the flood hit people and took stock of the facilities being provided by the state government.

It may be mentioned that the Morigaon district administration is providing food and other relief material, medical services to the flood affected people. Veterinary department has also taken steps for health checkup of animals at the village. Earlier, the Chief Minister handed over ex-gratia cheque of Rs. 4 lakh to the next of kin of the flood victims of the district at Jharagaon under Mayong Revenue Circle.

While talking to media persons after visiting Modonabori, the Chief Minister said that the State is going through a difficult phase. The State is fighting against flood, erosion, landslide and COVID-19 simultaneously, he said adding that the State Government is making sincere efforts to provide all necessary help and support to the people at these difficult hour.

Stating that the Water Resources department has already completed construction of all embankments under Jagiroad LAC, the Chief Minister informed that the State Government would construct a 7.5 k.m. embankment bordering Jagiroad and Lahorighat LAC, which was earlier built by P&RD Department and was in a deplorable condition. He also informed that construction of two embankments in the LAC namely Mikirgaon Kathoni and Kathoni to Palashguri with an expenditure of Rs. 28 crore is expected to be complete soon.

Further, saying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central Government are expressing solidarity with the people of Assam at this difficult time, the Chief Minister informed that Prime Minister Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and DONER Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh are constantly taking stock of the situation in the state. He said that today morning Prime Minister Modi called him and enquired about flood, erosion, landslide, COVID situation and progress on the efforts to douse Baghjan gas well fire. He also said that Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla also talked to him about the State's flood situation today. The Chief Minister moreover informed that the Central Government assured all help and support to the Government of Assam to tide over the present crisis situation. The Chief Minister also hoped that the recommendations of the high level committee constituted by the Prime Minister under the chairmanship of NITI Ayog Vice Chairman would help in bringing lasting solution to the flood and erosion problem of Assam.

In view of COVID-19 pandemic, the Chief Minister urged people to strictly maintain the social distancing norms and wear masks as well as regularly wash their hands to keep themselves safe. He said that as the government has stepped up testing facilities, the number of COVID positive patients are increasing but there is no reason to panic. He however called upon people to adhere to the guidelines issued by the health department to deal with COVID-19.

During the Chief Minister's visit, Water Resources Minister Keshab Mahanta, Minister of State for Health Piyush Hazarika, Morigaon MLA Ramakanta Deuri, DC and SP of the district were also present.

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