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**CM visits flood affected areas of Kamrup and Darrang district**

**CM directs WR deptt. to expeditiously repair damaged embankments**

**Govt. will not tolerate any corruption in relief operations: CM**

**Dispur, July 23:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today visited Solmari in Rangia under Kamrup district which is affected by flood waters of Puthimari river and assessed the damages and government relief measures put in place for the flood hit. He also visited a flood relief camp set up by district administration at Rangia TT College. The Chief Minister interacted with the relief camp inmates and took stock of their condition as well as the quality of food items being served at the camp.

While talking to media persons after visiting the flood hit, the Chief Minister said that the current wave of flood has severely affected 27 districts in the State claiming lives of several people. He said that the State Government takes serious note of the damages caused by flood waters of Puthimari river in Rangia sub-division. He informed that the district administration is asked to extend all necessary help and support to the flood affected people. Besides, the water resources department has been directed to take immediate steps for repair of the breach caused by Puthimari river at Bogoribari, he said adding that fund for the same has also been released.

Stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Central Government has taken sincere efforts to address the flood and erosion problem of Assam, the Chief Minister said that the high level committee constituted by the Prime Minister under the chairmanship of NITI Aayog vice chairman recommended for setting up of North East Water Management Authority for adopting a holistic approach. He said that the Central Government would take steps for passing an ordinance to that effect in the forthcoming session of the parliament. The Chief Minister viewed that such an initiative would lead to permanent solution of the flood and erosion problem of the State. He also thanked the Prime Minister for his initiatives.

Further, the Chief Minister said that the State is fighting against several natural and man-made calamities like COVID-19, flood, erosion, storm, landslides, Baghjan gas well fire etc. simultaneously. He appreciated the people for their cooperation in dealing with these issues at this difficult time. The Chief Minister said that he has made personal visits to the flood affected areas and interacted with people to have a firsthand understanding about their condition and also to assess the quality of government relief measures. He also said that the government would not tolerate any corruption or anomaly in flood relief operations and warned to take strong punitive action against those who indulge in corrupt practices.

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Water Resources Minister Keshav Mahanta, Minister of State (i/c) for Irrigation Bhabesh Kalita, MP Dilip Saikia, MLA Satyabrata Kalita, DC Kailash Kartik, SP Partha Sarathi Mahanta and senior officials of the water resources department were present during the Chief Minister's visit to the flood affected areas of Rangia today.

Later, the Chief Minister visited Janaram Chowka, Shaktola and other flood affected areas under Mangaldai revenue circle of Darrang district. He took stock of the damages caused by flood and erosion by Shaktola and Nonoi rivers besides inspecting the repair works of damages caused by Nonoi river. He directed the water resources department to expeditiously repair the embankments damaged by flood waters in Darrang district. The Chief Minister also visited a relief camp set up at Mongoldoi Maharishi Bidya Mandir and interacted with the inmates.

The Chief Minister also held a meeting with senior officials of the district administration at Circuit House conference hall and reviewed the steps taken for dealing with COVID-19 and flood situation. The Chief Minister made several directions to the administration to ensure best possible services to the affected people.

Water Resources Minister Keshav Mahanta, MP Dilip Saikia, MLA Gurujyoti Das were present during the Chief Minister's visit to the district.

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