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Sonowal takes stock of flood, land slide and Covid 19 situations in Barak Valley
Govt to conduct a survey of landslide prone areas with the help of Geological Survey of India

Govt to constitute circle level landslide monitoring and response teams

Dispur, June 4: Close on the heels of the land slide induced death in Barak Valley region on **Tuesday** last and to bring in mechanism to avert such accidents from occurring in the future, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal during his visit to Barak Valley, has asked the DCs of Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi to constitute landslide monitoring and response team at the revenue circle level. Chairing a meeting to review the flood and land slide situation in Barak Valley at Silchar today, Chief Minister Sonowal gave this direction.

Chief Minister Sonowal also said that for mapping the land-slide prone spots of the state, the Geological Survey of India will be requested to carry out a survey in the state. He also directed the DC of each district of Barak Valley to evacuate people from the land-slide prone areas and place them at a safer place.

Chief Minister Sonowal chairing three different meetings with the deputy commissioners of Barak Valley region, took stock of the flood, erosion and Covid 19 situation in Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi districts. He asked the deputy commissioners to press their men and materials to help flood and erosion affected people. He said that administration should provide good quality relief items to the affected people. He asked the DCs to make available medical facilities, drinking water etc in the relief camps. He also said that the state has faced with two pronged problems namely COVID 19 pandemic and flood. He, therefore, asked the DCs to adequately follow social distancing protocols while taking steps to keep the flood affected people in the relief camps. He also emphasised on the importance for the people to use masks and maintain cleanliness. In the meeting the Principal of Silchar Medical College informed the Chief Minister that facilities have been made to conduct 1000 Covid 19 tests on a daily basis. Sonowal also stressed on the need of lifting the morale of the health workers working as Covid warriors. He also asked the DCs to provide fodder for the flood affected cattle.

Chief Minister also thanked Forest Minister Parimal Suklabaidya, MPs Rajdeep Roy and Kripanath Malla, Deputy Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly Aminul Haque Laskar, all MLAs, DCs, SPs, government functionaries, public representatives for leading the battle against Covid 19.

Chief Minister Sonowal also gave financial assistance to the next of the kin of those persons killed in the land slide.

Forest Minister Parimal Suklabaidya, MP Rajdeep Roy, MLAs, DCs from three districts, SPs and other senior officers were present during Chief Minister's visit to Silchar.

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