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Sonowal reviews progress of Majuli protection work

Warns implementing agency stern action

Dispur, March 6: Miffed over slow pace of implementation of Majuli protection work, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal asked the implementing agency TK Engineering to complete the project on a war footing or face legal action.

Reviewing the progress of the implementation work of Majuli Protection dyke at the conference hall of DC Office Majuli today, Chief Minister Sonowal made it unequivocally clear that the Rs. 199 crore scheme for the protection of Majuli from the scourge of flood and erosion was taken up to save the seat of Vaishnavite culture and heritage from further depletion. He also made it clear to Brahmaputra Board and the implementing agency TK Engineering to apply their expertise and resources for the protection of Majuli in a time bound manner. He at the same time warned that nobody will be allowed to play with the life and property of the people of Majuli and any if lapse is found then a legal action would be taken accordingly. He also urged upon everybody to lend their hands to contribute Majuli to remain as the largest river island of the world.

In the meeting Sonowal also expressed his displeasure over the sluggish implementation of the 27 km long erosion protection work and maintained that protection of river island is the primary responsibility of the government and any negligence on the part of any organization would result in legal action.

Sonowal also asked Chairman Brahmaputra Board Rajiv Yadav and the project in-charge of TK Engineering to work in unison and complete the work before the onset of Monsoon and allow the people of Majuli to have a sigh of relief from the seasonal flood and perennial erosion. The Chief Minister also warned that if the implementing agency cannot show desired result within the stipulated time frame that is May 2019, the government would be bound to take stern action.

Chief Minister Sonowal also asked MLA Bimal Bora who has been asked to look after Majuli affairs to keep a close vigil on the execution work of TK Engineering on Majuli protection. He also asked project in-charge of TK Engineering to stay at Majuli and oversee the project implementation. Sonowal also maintained that the vulnerable points of Majuli should be protected with geo-bag and asked the Water Resources Department to resort to erecting porcupine and other flood mitigating measures to save the people of Majuli from the onslaught of flood. He also asked representatives from Brahmaputra Board, District Administration to carry out detailed assessment of the status of the project and submit a report to him.

Panchayat and Rural Development Commissioner Dr. P. Ashok Babu who was also present at the meeting asked to monitor the implementation work on a daily basis. MLA

Tingkhong Bimal Bora, Deputy Commissioner Majuli Debaprasad Misra and several senior officers of State government were present at the meeting.

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