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**Prime Minister Modi calls Sonowal; takes stock of state flood situation
Assures all help and support to aid state's efforts to rescue and relief operations**

Dispur, July 15: As the major parts of the state are reeling under flood, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today telephoned Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and assured all support from the centre to bail the state out of the scourge of the situation. Sonowal apprised the Prime Minister of the large-scale devastation that the flood has had on the people and economy of the state and informed him about the details of relief, rescue and rehabilitation operations undertaken by the State government.

Chief Minister Sonowal also apprised the Prime Minister that State government has sensitised administration throughout the state both in Barak and Brahmaputra Valley and asked the Deputy Commissioners to reach out to the flood affected people with their men and materials. Sonowal also briefed the Prime Minister of the entire gamut of relief and rescue operations pressed into service to help the marooned people.

Sonowal also said that he has asked the state ministers and all public representatives including MLAs to extend their helping hands to the victims of flood and involve themselves in the rescue operations by being themselves beside the affected people.

On being asked, Sonowal informed the Prime Minister that flood control mechanisms including 24X7 control rooms have been pressed into service with state government officials are on duty manning the control rooms round the clock. Health department, Public Health Engineering department have been asked to respond to health related issues and provide medicines and clean drinking water. Veterinary and Animal Husbandry department has been asked to take care of the marooned animals and keep adequate fodder stock ready for the stray animals of Kaziranga National Park and other national parks and wildlife sanctuaries. He also apprised the Prime Minister of his direction to the national parks authorities to supply foods to the animals took shelter on the high lands.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured all help, support and cooperation from the Centre to help Assam government to bail out the situation and asked Chief Minister to undertake relief, rescue and rehabilitation measures on a war footing.

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