

- (b) if so, the details of the plan and the amount allocated for the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) and (b) Water being a State subject, initiatives on water management including conservation and artificial recharge to ground water and revival of water bodies in the Country is primarily States' responsibility. However, steps taken by the Central Government for conservation of ground water are available at the following URL [http://mowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/MeasuresForGW- Depletion\\_2.pdf](http://mowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/MeasuresForGW-Depletion_2.pdf)

Water conservation works are primarily taken under Natural Resource Management component of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. State-wise details of water conservation and water harvesting works completed and expenditure incurred under NRM during the period 2014-15 to 2018-19 are given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement Appended to the Answer to USQ No. 2216 Part (b)]

#### **River erosion in Barak river**

2220. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that Barak river in Assam is considered to be a pious source of civilization;
- (b) whether Government is also aware of serious erosion of Barak river; and
- (c) if so, whether Government intends to prepare action plan to clean-up the Barak river to contain river erosion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) to (c) Government is aware of serious erosion of Barak River. Soil erosion by river is a dynamic and natural process resulting in changes in river course and causing loss of land, the intensity of which varies with time and space.

For tackling flood and erosion problem, Brahmaputra Board has prepared a master plan on Barak and its tributaries which was approved by the Government in the year 1997. Further, Water Resources Department, Government of Assam has also informed that one proposal for ₹ 18.00 Cr for procurement of Dredger for dredging the tributaries of Brahmaputra and Barak has been approved under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) funding for 2017-18.

Schemes taken up and proposed to be taken up to tackle erosion of river Barak are given in the Statement.

**Statement**

*Schemes taken up by Water Resources Department, Assam to tackle erosion of river Barak*

**(i) Schemes already taken up**

(₹ in lakh)				
Sl. No.	Name of Division	Name of scheme	Estimated Amount	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Silchar	A/E measures at Karatigram under Silchar town from the erosion of river Barak on its R/B.	495.00	Under FMP-XI Plan
2.	Silchar	A/E measures at Choudhurighat area of Silchar town on L/B of river Barak.	588.16	Under FMP-XI Plan
3.	CID, Badarpur	Anti-erosion measures to protect Barak dyke from Ganirgram to Katigorah on its R/B (Ch 0-700 m) at Sealtek.	680.83	Under FMP-XI Plan
4.	CID, Badarpur	Extension of existing protection works at Gobindapur, Siddipur and Balirband area from erosion of river Barak on its R/B (Ch 0 m to 400m) u/s and 0 m to 200 md/s.	596.00	Under FMP-XI Plan
5.	Hailakandi	Protection of Kalinagar area from the erosion of river Barak on its L/B (Ch 0 m to 700 m).	686.67	Under FMP-XI Plan
6.	Silchar	Anti erosion measures to protect Tarapur-Sibbari-Sarabpatta area and Silchar-Kalain road (Linked with NH-44) of Silchar town from the erosion and sloughening action of river Barak (length 690m).	1473.93	Under FMP-XI Plan
7.	Hailakandi	Anti-erosion measures at Panchgram Das Colony area from the erosion of river Barak on its left bank (0-800 m).	1757.47	Under FMP-XII Plan

1	2	3	4	5
8.	CID, Badarpur	Anti-erosion measures to protect Srīgouri Bazar, NH-44 and Badarpur to Bhanga Ph-II dyke from the erosion of river Borak on its left bank.	1269.00	Under FMP- XII Plan
9.	Silchar	Protection of Sonabarighat, Uttarkrishnapur and Weavers colony-Berenga Nathpara area from the erosion of river Barak on its Left bank.	2235.00	Under FMP- XII Plan
10.	Silchar	A/E measures to protect Dudpatil area from the erosion of river Barak on its R/B (Gap portion).	300.00	Under RIDF- XX Plan
11.	Hailakandi	Protection of erosion from river Barak at Bagmara area at Katakhal.	1000.00	Under CM's package, 2013-14
12.	Silchar	Anti-erosion measures at Binnakandi Bazar area from the erosion of river Barak on its L/B.	300.00	Under CM's package, 2013-14
13.	CID	Anti-erosion measures for protection of river Barak at Rajatilla (Haritikar) 1st Phase.	350.00	Under CM's package, 2014-15
14.	Silchar	Anti-erosion measures for protection of right bank of river Barakat Ganirgram Bazar, 1st Phase.	200.00	Under CM's package, 2014-15
15.	CID	Anti-erosion measures for protection of right bank of river Barak at Ganirgram, Pt-II, Borjurai 1st Phase.	200.00	Under CM's package, 2014-15
16.	CID	Protection of Siddheswar temple area from the erosion of river Barak including RCC steps.	300.00	Under CM's package, 2014-15
17.	Silchar	Restoration of breach like damage at Manikpur area of left bank of Barak river.	100.00	Under CM's package, 2014-15

1	2	3	4	5
18.	Silchar	Widening and strengthening of dyke at Uzangram of right bank of Barak river.	129.00	Under CM's package, 2014-15
TOTAL			12661.06	

**(2) Schemes proposed to be taken up**

(₹ in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Division	Name of scheme	Estimated Amount	
1.	CID Badarpur	A/E measures to protect Ganigram Katigorah dyke at Mahadevpur area from the erosion of River Barak PH-I.	650.00	Proposed under RIDF-XXIV
2.	Silchar	Anti-erosion measures to protect Singerbond area from the erosion of river Barak on its left bank.	750.00	Proposed under RIDF-XXIV
3.	Silchar	A/E measures to protect Karatigram area at the dyke along R/B of Barak from SLPWD Road to Madhumukh.	750.00	Proposed under RIDF-XXIV
4.	Silchar	Protection of dyke along L/B of river Barak from Uttarkrishnapur to Tarapur at Bethukandi are (to save Silchar town from flood inundation).	1400.00	Under SOPD-G for 2017-18
5.	Silchar	Protection of Ring Bund at Jhangerbali village on the L/B of Barak	850.00	Under SOPD-G for 2017-18
6.	Silchar	A/E measures to Tarapur to Masimpur along L/B of Barak at Shivbari D/S area.	1480.00	Under SOPD-G for 2017-18
TOTAL			5880.00	

**Polavaram authority meeting with displaced farmers**

2221. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) had expressed