

Flood recedes but blame game surging in Assam



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The flood situation in Assam is improving during the last 48 hours an aroused blame game is refusing to recede. Several political parties are demanding probe into the corruption that has crippled the state's water resources department.

The water levels of the roaring Brahmaputra river and its tributaries are showing a receding trend. But the those marooned people have yet to get out of the blues. Hundreds of the who have been lodging in the make shift camps have yet to leave for their houses in Balakhowa, Itakhuli, Lejai and the adjoining areas in Dibrugarh district which came under the surging waters of the Brahmaputra and its tributaries Checha and Dihing.

Dibrugarh MP Sarbananda Sonowal recently visited these areas and talked to the people who were rendered homeless. Sonowal alleged that both the Centre and the state government have not been doing enough to contain the situation. "The Centre should sanction a Rs 5000 crore fund to rehabilitate the flood affected people. The prime minister should give special attention to Assam flood problem," he said.

Former Chief Minister and AGP(P) president Prafulla Kumar Mahanta who visited Kaliabor on Friday said a scientific construction of the

embankment from Silghat to Koliabhumura could have averted the havoc in the area. He further demanded adequate compensation for the flood affected people.

Mahanta said, “the construction of the embankment from Silghat to Koliabhumura was not properly planned and as a result, flood wreaks havoc in this area.”

An AASU team led by its adviser Dr Samujjal Bhattacharya visited the flood affected area in Puthimary on Friday and blamed it all on the government for the corruption that has crippled the embankments. He said only a CBI probe can unearth the truth what went wrong in the construction of the embankment. He further alleged that the relief materials are not adequate for the marooned people.

Dr Bhattacharya said, “the government is responsible for this situation... relief materials for these flood affected people are not adequate and CBI should probe into the allegations against the state water resources department.”

AASU general secretary Tapan Kumar Gogoi said, “its quite discriminating when the Northeast Frontier Railway and ONGC have rushed relief materials from Assam to the flood affected people in Bihar downplaying the misery of the state’s people who have been reeling under waters.

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