

Floods at Balipara due to Govt Apathy and Corruption



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Tezpur : Floods are a regular phenomenon in Balipara, a small town but an important communication point in the North bank of Assam. Every year the town and its surrounding areas gets submerged under flood. This year again the whole of Balipara and its nearby places are under floods which had damaged a lot of properties and crops. Almost around 10,000 people have been affected by this flood. Due to this flood National Highway 52, Balipara-Rangapara road and Balipara-Bhalukpong roads are submerged and have interrupted transportation.

The people of Balipara are suffering from this acute problem have been demanding with the government authorities and public leaders to solve this problem, but no concrete steps have been taken as yet. People spoke with a lot of anguish to AssamTimes as to how the government has been neglecting the area. Jarasar a small river from which floods generally occur in this place can be easily controlled. But the policy makers and its related departmental officials do not seem to bother .Deputy Commissioner Mr. Kamal Loson Goswami and Circle Officer Mr. Satyajit Chetia have visited the place and took a stock of the situation .

On the other hand another tributary Jia-Gabharu of river Brahmaputra has damaged the wooden bridge over the Missamari-Rangapara PWD road causing severe losses in the vast agricultural area of Tantsal village in the Missamari area. According to local people every year this is a regular occurrence as some corrupt contractors with the support of some officials does a very low quality work and hence the bridge gets damaged with the slightest of force exerted by the river.

Acute degradation of forest in the area is another cause of the floods. The river bed has become shallow due to soil deposits. Lets hope the Government does something this time

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