

Speaker angry; Majhi left red faced



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Disaster Management department came in for sharp criticism on Monday when Assembly Speaker Pranab Kumar Gogoi was disappointed over alleged non implementation of a ruling of flood relief.

An angry Gogoi said he would take the department to the privilege panel for alleged inaction over non-utilisation of a two-year old flood relief fund for Sonitpur district despite his earlier ruling.

Gogoi told the House, "It is a breach of privilege and I will refer the matter to the Privilege Committee of the Assembly." He said, "We have to find out whose responsibility it is".

The issue cropped up when AGP legislature Padma Hazarika raised 'Point of Order' during the Zero Hour alleging before the Speaker that despite his earlier ruling, a Rs 1.54 crore fund meant for flood relief has been lying idle in the district. The fund was allocated under CM's Special Package and all other districts, except Sonitpur have utilised their flood relief funds for helping the [victims](#).

Minister Prithibi [Majhi](#) said it did not fall under his purview as it was "CM's Special Package". But parliamentary affairs minister Nilamani Sen Deka said all funds under CM's Special Package are always distributed to respective departments for usage under concerned topics.

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