

## **“Hon’ble Union Minister of state (ic) of ministry of (doner) visits Assam for flood review”**

In order to review the flood scenario in Assam, **Shri Jitendra Singh**, Hon’ble Union Minister of State (IC) of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), visited Assam along with Shri Navin Verma, Secretary DoNER; Shri B.L. Prasad, Director, DoNER; Shri Om Prakash, Assistant Director, MHA , DM Division and Shri Krishnan Mohan Uppu (IAS), OASD to Hon’ble MOS and Shri Venkatesh, Addl. Private Secretary.

In this context, a meeting was held at the Assam Administrative Staff College on the **26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**. Hon’ble Minister of State, Revenue and DM, Shri Bhabesh Kalita, Hon’ble Minister, Water Resources, Shri Keshav Mahanta, Chief Secretary, Government of Assam, Smt. T.Y. Das along with the senior Government Officials from various departments were also present at the Meeting.

Shri Bhabesh Kalita, in his speech, highlighted the damages caused in the first wave of Flood and sought assistance from the Central Government to support the State in tackling the menace of flood and erosion in a more effective way

A brief presentation was given by Shri Rajesh Prasad, CEO of Assam State Disaster Management Authority highlighting the reason for the first wave of flood and spoke about the statistics of the districts, revenue circles, villages, population affect and lives lost. The initiatives taken by the State Government and the deployment of SRDF personnel and NDRF team and the rescue operations, GR distribution were discussed in detail.

The Brigadier A. Gangwar, Advisor, NDMA spoke about the campaigns and projects undertaken by them and informed about the requirement of SDRF personnel in four Northeast states namely, Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. The expectation from the Ministry of Development North Eastern Region on funding was discussed among the officials. The Union Minister Sri. Jitendra Singh stated that Rupees 340 Crore, is sanctioned by the Central Government which includes Rupees 239.40 crore to be released for State Disaster Response Fund and Rupees 101cr by DoNER for infrastructure repair in floods. Smt. T.Y. Das, Chief Secretary, Government of Assam stated that Assam, is prepared to tackle the flood and spoke about the mock drills undertaken on various places and that no grievance has been reported so far.

**Shri Jitendra Singh**, also interacted with various line Departments.

Over 130 Senior Government officials attended the meeting.



