

MINUTES OF THE FLOOD/URBAN FLOOD PREPAREDNESS MEETING HELD ON 20th MARCH' 2025 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE NEW CONFERENCE HALL OF THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, CACHAR UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF 'THE HON'BLE MINISTER Sjt. KAUSHIK RAI, MINISTER DEPT. OF FPD & CA, MINES & MINERALS & BARAK VALLEY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF ASSAM.

Members present as per Annexure-A:

The meeting was presided over by Sjt. Kaushik Rai, Hon'ble Minister, FPD & CA, Mines & Minerals etc. Govt. of Assam, & District Commissioner, Cachar welcomed all the members present and thereafter discussion was initiated as per agenda.

At the outset of the meeting, Sri Yubaraj Borthakur, ACS, ADC cum CEO, DDMA, Cachar gave a presentation regarding the objective & agenda of the meeting and the discussion was initiated.

After threadbare discussions, the following decisions have been taken on the basis of the Agenda:

Water Resource Department (Katigora Division), Badarpur Ghat:

1. Status of Vulnerable Breaches:
 - a. The WRD, Katigora Div. officials presented the current status of identified vulnerable points along embankments.
 - b. Immediate repair and strengthening measures were ordered to be completed before the onset of the monsoon.
2. Status and Functioning of Sluice Gates:
 - a. A review of the operational condition of sluice gates was conducted.
 - b. Instructions were issued to ensure that all sluice gates are fully functional, and regular monitoring is carried out, particularly during heavy rainfall events.

The Hon'ble Minister directed the WRD, Katigora Division & WRD Mechanical Division, to conduct joint survey in all sluice gates under the Katigora Division and submit details report to the DDMA, Cachar on immediate basis. Further, he directed the Department to ensure functional status of the Indo-Bangla Bordering sluice gates and if any issue arises with BSF authority, then the matter immediately brought to the notice of the District Commissioner, Cachar.

Action: E.E. WRD Katigora Div. & WRD Mech. Division, Silchar.

Water Resource Department (Mechanical Division), Silchar:

3. Status and Functioning of Sluice Gates under Cachar District:
 - a. A review of the operational condition of sluice gates under Cachar District was conducted.
 - b. Instructions were issued to ensure that all sluice gates are fully functional, and regular monitoring is carried out, particularly during heavy rainfall events.
 - c. Town sluice gates must be operational before the onset of the monsoon season and the Department must co-ordinate with concerned stakeholders for repairing or reconstruction of any damage sluice gates within the Silchar Municipal area.

The Hon'ble Minister directed the WRD, Mech. Division, DoHUA, NHIDCL & WRD Silchar Division, to conduct joint survey in all sluice gates under Silchar Municipal area and including its peripheral area and submit details report to the DDMA, Cachar on immediate basis. Further, he directed the Department concerned that if repairing or reconstruction is required in any of the sluice gates then it must be taken on priority basis and complete the same by 15th April 2025.

The Hon'ble Minister has also directed the Silchar Municipal Board to take special initiative to clear the garbage from the sluice gates indentified by the Department within the Silchar Municipal area for smooth functioning of the gates.

Action: E.O. SMB, E.E. WRD Silchar Div. & WRD Mech. Division, Silchar, E.E. DoHUA & GM(P), NHIDCL.

Water Resource Department (Silchar Division), Silchar:

- 4. Status of Vulnerable Breaches:
 - a. The WRD, Silchar Div. officials presented the current status of identified vulnerable points along embankments.
 - b. Immediate repair and strengthening measures were ordered to be completed before the onset of the monsoon.
- 5. Status and Functioning of Sluice Gates:
 - a. A review of the operational condition of sluice gates was conducted.
 - b. Instructions were issued to ensure that all sluice gates are fully functional, and regular monitoring is carried out, particularly during heavy rainfall events in co-ordination with Mechanical Division.
- 6. Misc. issues discussed and decision taken:
 - a. Repairing of Smashan Road sluice gates in co-ordination with DoHUA and complete the repairing process within 15th April 2025.
 - b. Remaining works of Town protection scheme must be completed before the monsoon season.
 - c. Plan & Estimate submitted for immediate repairing of the vulnerable dykes and embankments and Govt. initiated sanctioning the schemes under XV-Finance Commission Grants.
 - d. Land issues at Bethukandi must be resolved on immediate basis and complete the balance works.
 - e. Joint visit to be conducted by the WRD Silchar Div. and NHIDCL at Kashipur regarding execution of sluice gates in place of box culvert.
 - f. Joint visit to be conducted by the WRD, Silchar and NHIDCL regarding excavation of dyke at Sonabarighat and resolved the issues before the monsoon season.
 - g. De-siltation is urgently required in the Rangirkhal and accordingly WRD Silchar & DoHUA need to be arranged excavation of the silt before the monsoon season.

The Hon'ble Minister directed the WRD, Silchar Division, DoHUA & WRD Mechanical Division, to conduct joint survey in all sluice gates under the Silchar Division and specially town area sluice gates etc. and submit details report to the DDMA, Cachar

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on immediate basis. Further, he directed the E.E. WRD Silchar Div. to take up any issues with concerned stakeholders with intimation to D.C, Cachar so that issues must be resolved on immediate basis for greater interest of the local citizens.

Action: E.O. SMB, E.E. WRD Silchar Div. & WRD Mech. Division, Silchar, E.E. DoHUA & GM (P), NHIDCL

Silchar Municipal Board, Silchar

7. Drain clearance arrangement need to be taken- up by the Municipal Board on immediate basis by constituting task force and works should be start from the vulnerable points within the Silchar town.
8. Clearance of garbage accumulated in the Sluice Gates within the Silchar Municipal area on priority basis.
9. Constitution of Quick Response Team for tackling the urban flood like situation in Silchar Town as many areas of the town may be affected during the monsoon season.
10. Ensure proper functioning of pump station for dewatering purpose.
11. Co-ordinate with WRD Mechanical Division for functioning of the pump station under the Department in Silchar Town.
12. The Hon'ble MLA, Udharbhond has raised concern about the non-functioning of the sluice gates in Itkhola, Goniwala and Malugram area due to garbage accumulation in the gates and directed the SMB to act proactively before onset of the monsoon season.
Action: E.O. SMB, E.E. WRD Silchar Div. & WRD Mech. Division, Silchar, E.E. DoHUA.

PWD (Roads) Silchar & Udharbhond (T) Division:

13. Status of works at Shibbari sinking zone was discussed and the Hon'ble Minister has directed the E.E. PWD Roads Silchar-Udharbhond (T) Division to monitor the works closely and ensure smooth communication during the monsoon season through temporary road constructed smooth execution of the elevated corridor works.
14. As the E.E. PWD Roads Silchar Division has raised concern about the shortage of fund for construction of balance 125 mtrs drain in the Itkhola-Goniwal-Malugram area and estimated amount are Rs. 40-45 lacs. Accordingly, the District Commissioner, Cachar has directed the E.E. PWD Roads Silchar-Udharbhond (T) Division to submit details to the Executive Officer, Silchar Municipal Board to consider the proposal under XV-Finance Commission Grants.
15. The Hon'ble Minister has directed the E.E. PWD Roads Silchar-Udharbhond (T) Division, Silchar to complete the Vivekanda Road drain construction works on immediate basis as the people of the area are suffering a lot due to water logging issues during the monsoon season.
Action: E.E. PWD Roads Silchar-Udharbhond (T) Division.

NHIDCL, PMU-Silchar:

- 16. GM (P), NHIDCL has apprised the Chair regarding repairing status of Gammon Bridge and the works may start from 25th March 2025 and for this minimum 40 days complete closure of the traffic is required. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Minister has directed the GM (P) NHIDCL and all Departments to prepare the proper plan for alternate roads before closure of the traffic in the Gammon Bridge.
- 17. Details discussion was held with line Departments regarding alternate road arrangement for diversion of the traffic. NHIDCL has been directed to explore the matter with Administration and PWD (Roads) before starting of the works.
- 18. GM (P) NHIDCL PMU-Silchar has presented the status of on-going works through PPT presentation and apprised the Hon'ble Minister.
- 19. Regarding land issues in various places raised by the GM (P) NHIDCL, and accordingly the D.C, Cachar has directed the ADC (LA) and GM (P), NHIDCL to discuss the matter in details in the meeting with other line Departments/ASO's and action to be taken on priority basis.
- 20. Regarding shifting of the Rongpur Police Out-post and School, the matter will be brought to the notice of SP, Cachar and DMC, SSA, Cachar for immediate necessary action. The ADC (LA), Cachar will co-ordinate the matter with concerned Department.
- 21. GM (P) NHIDCL, Silchar will arrange joint visit with WRD Silchar for Kashipur Box Culvert and Sonabari-ghat dyke excavation due to construction of bridge and take necessary action for mitigation of the issues in consultation with WRD, Silchar Division before the onset of the monsoon season.

Action: GM (P) NHIDCL PMU-Silchar.

DoHUA, Silchar:

- 22. Review of Guard Wall at Rangirkhal Channel:
 - a. The status of the guard wall along Rangirkhal was reviewed.
 - b. Necessary repair and reinforcement works were instructed to be taken up immediately to prevent erosion and protect nearby settlements.
 - c. Repair immediately sluice gates near Smashan Road & Shyamananda Lane in consultation with WRD Silchar Division.

Action: E.E. DoHUA, Silchar.

Misc. issues discussed and decision taken accordingly:

- 23. The Hon'ble Minister has directed the E.E. PWD Roads Borkhola-Katigora (T) Division to explore the alternative road for diversion of traffic as and when repairing works will start in the Gammon Bridge and coordinate with District Administration and NHIDCL. Further, he directed the EE, PWD Roads Katigora to expedite the bridge construction works at Silchar-Kalain Road and complete the same by 30th April 2025.
- 24. The Hon'ble Minister has requested the D.C, Cachar to reshuffle the LR staff in the District for smooth functioning of the land & revenue related works as most of the LR staff are working in same place of posting for many years.
- 25. Constitution of Joint Inspection Committee:
 - a. A Committee is hereby constituted for Joint Field Inspection of Sonai Road and its adjacent areas to assess the ground situation and identify effective mitigation measures.
 - b. The following officers/officials are hereby nominated as members of the committee:
 - ADC & Executive Officer, SMB—Chairperson.

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- Deputy Director, T&CP, Silchar—Member.
- Executive Engineer, DoHUA—Member.
- DGM, NHIDCL, PMU, Silchar—Convenor.
- Circle Officer & Chairman, CDMC, Silchar Sadar Revenue Circle—Member.
- Executive Engineer, PWD, Silchar & Udharbond (T) Roads Div—Member.
- Executive Engineer, Water Resources Dept., Silchar Div—Member.
- Executive Engineer, Urban Water Supply & Sewarage Board —Member.
- President/ Secretary, Sonai Road Nagarik Samiti — Member.

c. The Committee will also ensure that the recommended measures are implemented before the onset of the monsoon season.

d. All departments were directed to maintain constant coordination and remain alert to address any emergent urban flood-related issues.

e. Committee notification will be issued within 21st March 2025.

26. DGM, NHIDCL has assured for possible alignments in required places so that water logging conditions could be mitigated to some extent.

27. Members of the Sonai Nagrik Samiti appealed the DGM, NHIDCL to solve the water logging condition. To solve this issue the meeting committee constituted shall conduct a joint field inspection and the recommendations given thereafter will be worked upon by every line Departments.

28. A detailed discussion was also done regarding the heightening of Sonai Road which might cause possible water logging conditions in the adjacent residential areas and commercial establishments. The joint committee constituted will take measures to mitigate the issue. Also, to divert drain waters in natural channels viz., Rangirkhal, Longaikhal and Basaikhal, a detailed plan of action will be jointly prepared by the committee constituted and submit it to DDMA Cachar and NHIDCL, PMU-Silchar will work on the implementation of the plan.

29. The Hon'ble Minister emphasized the importance of proactive planning, timely execution of flood/Urban mitigation measures, and seamless interdepartmental coordination to ensure the safety and well-being of the public during the flood season.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.



(Mridul Yadav, IAS)
District Commissioner & Chairperson,
District Disaster Management Authority,
Cachar, Silchar.

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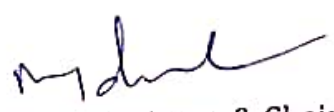
1. The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue & DM Department, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Guwahati - 6 for kind information.
2. The Chief Executive Officer, Assam State Disaster Management Authority, Ancillary, Block, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

3. The Secretary, Co-ordination, O/o The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam.
4. All Hon'ble MLA's of Cachar District.
5. P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister, Govt. of Assam, Dept. of FPD & CA, Mines & Minerals etc.

6. P.S. to Hon'ble M.P, L.S, Silchar, District-Cachar, Assam.

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1. All Members Present.
2. All Circle Officers, District-Coacher, Assam.
3. All HoD's of Departments (State Govt.), Cachar, Assam.
4. CA/PA to the D.C, Cachar.



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