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Sub: Identification of river char lands prone to flooding during Monsoon Period

Irrigation & Waterways Department has been maintaining around 10284 km of river embankments and 67 km of sea side embankment to protect around 25380 sq km of area out of total flood prone area of 37760 sq km in the state leaving 12380 sq km unprotected area. Periodical maintenance, raising, strengthening of those existing embankments are being executed by this Department for ensuring safety against erosion and overtopping.

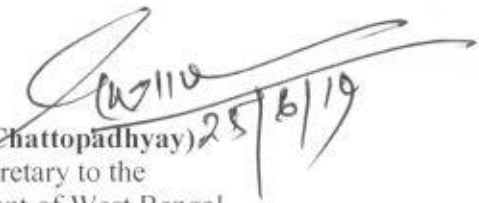
2. Inundation of char lands in between embankment and main river course is a normal phenomenon during monsoon, because of rainfall in the catchment areas and, releases from upstream dams and barrages. In spite of repeated warning, char lands at various places are being used for cultivation and even for dwelling purposes by constructing structures, which get flooded during high discharge passing through the river, inundating and damaging such structures.

Moreover illegal encroachments on the embankments at various places (Rural + Urban Municipal), make it difficult to carry out timely renovation of damaged embankments.

3. In the context of above an exercise was done in 2016, 2017 and 2018 to work out a list of all such char lands having habitation, protected by embankments or unprotected and likely to be inundated during high discharge through the rivers and also a list of embankments having illegal encroachments.

4. The same exercise is to be carried out this year also by each Division of Irrigation & Waterways Directorate by 30.06.2019 and the lists are to be intimated to the respective District Magistrates, Sabhadhipatis and Disaster Management wings of the districts for taking necessary action for resettlement/rehabilitation of the likely affected people living in such char lands by the District Magistrates as per existing norms and schemes under the State Government and also for preparing suitable action plan of disaster management during emergent situations.

5. Lists of such stretches of char lands and embankments with location details may also be handed over to the Commissioner/Chairman in Municipal Corporation/Municipal areas for taking similar action by them, as stated in Para 4 above.


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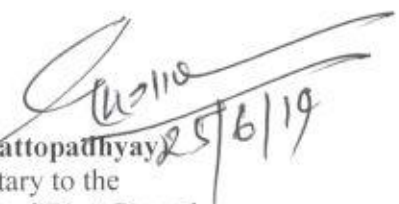
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