

THE ASSAM (REGISTRATION AND REHABILITATION OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY RIVER
EROSION) BILL, 2025

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to identify and rehabilitate people affected by river erosion.

Whereas it is expedient to- (i) identify, register and verify the present status of people who have been rendered homeless/landless due to the erosion of mighty river Brahmaputra and its tributaries; (ii) frame and implement a policy for their rehabilitation to avoid encroachment of Government land; and (iii) to maintain law and order situation.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Assam in the Seventy-sixth year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Short title, extent and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Assam (Registration and Rehabilitation of People Affected by River Erosion) Act, 2025.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Assam.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) "people affected by erosion" means the people who have become landless or homeless due to erosion of river;

(b) "registration" means the list of people affected by erosion prepared and maintained by the concerned Circle Officer;

(c) "rehabilitation" means provision of land/house to the people affected by erosion;

(d) "State Government" means the Government of the State of Assam.

Process of Registration.

3. (1) The State Government shall collect data from all the Revenue Circles to find out the number of people affected by erosion and register their names along with names of family members in each Revenue Circle.

(2) All the Circle Officers shall prepare and maintain a register of people affected by erosion within six months from the date of commencement of this Act.

(3) People affected by erosion shall apply with necessary documents to the Circle Officer for registration.

(4) The State Government shall give wide publicity through leading News Papers, TV Channels, Public Notice declaring the time frame to apply for registration of people affected by erosion.

(5) Lat Mandal and Gram-Pradhan shall identify the people affected by erosion before registration.

Rehabilitation and compensation.

4. (1) The State Government shall issue Erosion Affected Certificate to the people.

(2) The State Government shall provide to people affected by erosion one bigha land for making house and six bigha land for cultivation.

(3) People affected by erosion shall be given preference while the land of *char* area is allotted.

(4) The State Government shall fix a quota not less than three percent in Grade-III and Grade-IV posts and in all higher educational institutions for people affected by erosion.

(5) People affected by erosion shall be given priority in State Government Schemes like Orunodoi.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Erosion of mighty river Brahmaputra and its tributaries has become the worst problem for the State of Assam. More than three thousand villages have been destroyed in the last fifty years causing lakhs of people to be rendered homeless and landless. Landlords of a time have now become poor without shelter, who often use to encroach Government lands to live in. The Government has to evict the people from Government land time to time which often creates law and order situation. This is the most burning question for the State of Assam at present and this is the need of time to resolve the problem permanently.

Hence this Bill.

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FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

Clause 3 of the Bill provides that the Government shall give wide publicity through leading news papers, TV channels, public notice declaring the time frame to apply for registration of people affected by erosion. Clause 4 provides that the State Government shall provide to people affected by erosion one bigha land for making house and six bigha land for cultivation.

The Bill, therefore, if enacted, would involve expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State of Assam. At this stage, it is not possible to give the estimate of recurring/non recurring expenditure that would be involved out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Assam, if the Bill is enacted and brought into operation.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELIGATED REGISTRATION

The Bill does not provide to delegate Legislative Power to the Executive.

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