

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET SESSION-2026
STARRED ASSEMBLY QUESTION No. 204
DATE OF REPLY : 24/07/2026

Subject: Land allotment and rehabilitation of evicted families of Damcherra, Hailakandi.

Shri Zubair Anam Mazumder :

Will the Minister of Revenue and Disaster Management Department be pleased to state :

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that following an eviction drive on 5th February 2026, a total of 522 poor, landless families of Damcherra Forest Village (Gharmura Range, Hailakandi District) who possessed administrative recognition since 2007 and continuous residential records since 1965 have been rendered completely homeless and devoid of any alternative livelihood?
- (b) Whether the Office of the District Commissioner, Hailakandi has received formal public memorandam and individual land allotment applications from these 522 peacefully evacuated genuinely landless families seeking resettlement on alternative Government land?
- (c) If yes what is the current verification status of these submitted applications and what are the specific administrative reasons for the prolonged delay in allocating alternative settlement plots to these displaced families under prevailing state land policies?
- (d) What concrete time-bound humanitarian rehabilitation measures, interim shelter provisions and financial assistance models have been structured by the Government to rescue these 522 families from extreme economic and social distress?

ANSWER

Replied by Hon'ble Minister Sri Keshab Mahanta, Revenue and Disaster Management Department:

- (a) As per report received from the Office of District Commissioner, Hailakandi, a total area of 369.229 hectares (2,760 bighas) of encroached Reserve Forest land has been recovered through eviction drives, following due process of law. During the eviction operation, **516 households** were evicted from the encroached forest land.
- (b) A total of 283 individual applications pertaining to settlement of Government land to the evicted persons of Damcherra have been received by the Office of District Commissioner, Hailakandi.
- (c) The applications are presently under verification by the district authority.
At present, there is no provision under the existing policy framework for the settlement or rehabilitation of persons evicted from unauthorized occupation of Government land including Reserved Forest Land.
- (d) There is no provision or policy for providing settlement and rehabilitation to the persons evicted from unauthorized occupation of Government land.