

Flood control projects *Centre yet to release funds to State*

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GUWAHATI, May 14: The Central Government is yet to pay the State nearly Rs 1,200 crore to complete the Flood Management Programme (FMP) schemes undertaken during the 11th and 12th Five Year Plans. The FMP schemes are major flood control projects the cost of which ranged from Rs 1.8 crore to Rs 150 crore during the 11th Five Year Plan and from Rs 10 crore to Rs 360 crore during the 12th Five Year Plan.



During the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12), 100 FMP schemes were sanctioned by the Government of India (GoI) and undertaken by the State, while during the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) the GoI sanctioned 41 FMP schemes with the State implementing these.

Sources in the State Government told this newspaper that of the 100 FMP schemes undertaken during the 11th Five Year Plan, 96 could be completed by 2012-13, while of the 12th Five Year Plan schemes about six are almost complete.

The estimated total cost of the 11th Five Year Plan FMP schemes was Rs 238 crore, while the estimated total cost of the 12th Five Year Plan FMP schemes was around Rs 1,386

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