FLOODS IN KURIGRAM. LALMONIRHAT Crops worth Tk 134cr damaged

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With water receding, the grim scenario of damages caused by flood is becoming visible in Kurigram and Lalmonirhat. Around 24,000 farmers have been affected in the two districts. Crops worth Tk 134 crore on 16,383 hectares of land were damaged, according to the department of agriculture.

Shahidar Rahman (62), a floodaffected farmer of Brahmaputra shoal at Kurigram's Roumari, cultivated aus paddy on five bighas of land and vegetables in one bigha land. The flood washed away all his crops, leaving a damage worth Tk 75,000. "I have no way to compensate for this loss."

He said he cultivated the crops by taking out loans. He's now worried about how he'll ever repay it and provide for his family at the same time.

Afzal Hossain (60), a flood-hit farmer of Teesta shoal at Rajpur union in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, said his three



bighas of aus paddy, and four bighas of vegetables, nuts, and maize got damaged by floods. He said he incurred a loss of Tk 1.5 lakh.

Abdur Rashid, deputy director of Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Kurigram, said a list of those affected by the floods had been prepared and sent to the ministry concerned.

"The government hasn't yet declared what steps it will take to rehabilitate the flood-affected farmers. However, distribution of fertilisers and seeds is ongoing."

"If the flood-affected farmers do not get rehabilitation assistance, they won't be able to make up for the loss," he added.

Hamidur Rahman, deputy director of DAE in Lalmonirhat, said most of the farmers affected by the floods were cultivating crops with loans. He too hoped that the government will take necessary steps required to rehabilitate them.



Lawkathi river bank has turned into a garbage dumping zone since all of Patuakhali town's waste is dumped there, as no designated dumping zone has been set up by the authorities as of yet. PHOTO: STAR

20 tonnes garbage dumped at riverside daily!

Authorities themselves contribute to water pollution, health hazard in Patuakhali

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

All the garbage produced across Patuakhali town are dumped on the bank of Lawkathi river, contributing to serious environmental pollution and subsequent health hazard.

For this, the municipal authorities have chosen two sites -- Majhgram area near the BSCIC office, and the eastern side of Patuakhali bridge over Lawkathi.

However, the sites are not designated ones. The municipality authorities said at least 40 to 50 tonnes of waste are daily produced in the town by 1.15 lakh people.

SM Akramul Nahid, medical officer of Patuakhali municipality and head of its garbage section, said, "Half of the waste is left in drains by locals. Municipality trucks collect the rest from different open places -- including roads and bazaars."

A total of 214 cleaners with four garbage trucks are involved in the process. "All the collected waste is dumped at the riverside as we have no dumping ground," he said.

The huge amount of waste materials pollute the river waters and spread putrid

stench, causing trouble to locals. "Movement through the road beside the spot has become an ordeal," said Abdul Maleo Hawlader (50) from Majhgram.

We have to face the stench round the clock. Children often suffer from different types of diseases due to the pollution," said

Zakir Hossain from the same area. Nuisance of mosquitoes and flies has

already increased in the area, said Khadiza Begum, another local.

Jasim Uddin, a local fisher, said the garbage falls into the river from the bank and pollute the water. "The amount of fish that we used to catch once are not found in the river now."

Sheikh Kamal Mahadi, assistant director of Department of Environment in Patuakhali, said, "We sent a letter to the Patuakhali municipality mayor on December 12 last year, asking them to arrange a dumping site for saf disposal of the town's garbage.'

In this regard, municipality mayor Md Mohiuddin Ahmed said, "We already acquired seven acres of land in Lohalia area, on one sid of the river, which is 5 kilometres east of the town, for such a dumping ground."

Kakonhaat station, Rajshahi station, Chatmohor station in Pabna, Ullapara station in Sirajganj and Bangabandhu bridge west rail station in Sirajganj while carrying cost of animal will be cheaper, railway sources said. "We'll load 20 cows in a wagon. The

year.

transport cost of each wagon is Tk 11,830 from Chapainawabganj to Dhaka, so the highest transport cost of each animal will be Tk 591," said Md Nasir Uddin, Pakshey divisional commercial officer of railway. Contacted, Md Shahidul Islam, divisional

railway manager, said, "We'll operate the cattle train on July 6 and July 7 ahead of Eid, if we get more response from the cattle traders then service will be increased," he added.

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