

FLOOD SITREP REPORT OF UTTAR PRADESH- 01

Date: August 1, 2011

Current Situation:

The state of Uttar Pradesh is facing the wrath of the floods in most districts of east and some districts in the central part. Due to regular rain fall and the discharge of water from the Nepal side from time to time, all major rivers of eastern part of Uttar Pradesh have been flooded.

The main rivers affecting the populace are *Sharada, Ghaghara, Sarau, Rapti* and other local rivers. Almost all the rivers are displaying erratic trends (irregular rise and fall). Most of these rivers are eroding the banks (*esp. Ghagra River*) with devastating effects causing wide spread damages to property¹

Elgin Charsadi-Gonda District- River Ghagra

The situation at the Elgin – Charsadi embankment had been tense in the last five days given the regular erosion by the river Ghagra along the embankment. By the 30th of July 2011, four spurs of the flood management structures had been washed away near the 11.75 kms mark. The earthen embankment was washed away leaving the crucial Ring bund open for the roaring waves of the River Ghagra. The ensuing erosion finally caved the ring bund and breached the last flood resistant structure at 14:30 Hrs on 01 August 2011 and thereby allowing the waters to enter the neighboring villages .

IAG – UP Team Visit



On 01 August 2011, IAGUP team went in to this area for situation analysis and interacted with the communities and the civil administration and get first hand information about the emerging situation. Both Gonda and barabanki districts are in the midst of a disaster if the waters continue to rise, given the 'U'shaped nature of the embankment.

The present breach is expected to affect approximately 100,000 people in 12 villages of *Sirauligauspur Tahasil* of Barabanki and 1.5 lakh populations in 52 villages of *Karnailganj Tahasil* of Gonda district. Approximately 1500 hectares of agriculture land with standing crop have been inundated.



Place where breach happened

Present Situation

- Presently with marginal increase in the water levels of the River Ghagra, the surrounding villages are witnessing a slow rise of flooding.
- But the condition could aggravate if there is an increase of the waters given the upstream discharges and heavy rains in Nepal.

¹ No loss of life has been reported as of 01 August 2011

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- People have started evacuating these areas and shifted to higher and safer areas.
- The rate of the Embankment breach is approximately 10 meter per hour and almost 150 meter have been breached when reports last came in

Government Response:

- State govt. has initiated its actions to plug the damaged portion of the Breach
- All the related and Senior Government officials have been camping in the affected areas.
- The civil administration is supporting the evacuation of the community.
- For resolving health related issues a medical unit is deployed in the area of Nawapurwa.
- Community kitchen has been started to serve *Poori bhaji*.
- Government has deployed number of boats and motor boats to ferry people to safety
- PAC battalions are deployed to carry out the relief & rescue operations in the affected areas.

INGOs and NGOs in the area

- UNICEF materials are available with district administration.
- PANI is operational on the Barabanki side and are in regularly contact with the affected people.
- PGVS is operational on Gonda side PGVS in Paraspur and Shevalay in Durjanganj area
- IAG-UP is observing the situation continuously and providing updates to members with situation reports and sitrep.
- IAGUP is planning for a quick joint assessment in both the affected districts.

Major emerging issues

(From the preliminary visit of the IAG Team)

- The normal (and main) sources of drinking water are small hand pumps. Many hand pumps are submerged in the floodwaters making access to clean drinking water difficult for the initial days.
- People who had moved from their places of original residence experienced great difficulty in accessing drinking water. In some places, people who had taken refuge on raised embankments had to travel by boats to fetch water from (unnumbered) hand pumps situated on higher elevations.
- Sanitation and hygiene have emerged as major issues to be addressed due to the lack of dry spaces for people to defecate. Open defecation is the traditional practice in all of the flood affected villages which may lead to stench and create health related problems.

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- Monsoon is still not over and due to extreme climatic condition i.e. high temperature and high humidity, there are high chances of cases of sunstroke.
- Most of school-buildings are submerged in the floodwater, as schools are located in low lying areas.
- Agricultural land along the riverbanks has been affected due to heavy erosion of topsoil and silt deposition in agricultural fields has largely damaged paddy cultivation.
- Looking in to extent of house damage, the supply of tarpaulin is very limited.
- There are no lighting facilities available with the families staying on the embankment and most of family members are sleeping in the open.
- The size of temporary shelter is very small and overcrowded since the family size is about 5-8 members plus livestock, which is close proximity to the family.
- Schools are closed and children are not attending school and not able to get mid day meal which can further lead to malnutrition.

Emerging Needs

- Rescue of villagers from the affected areas
- Settlement of community in the safer place
- Water and sanitation
- Shelter
- Food and Fodder
- Health related issues

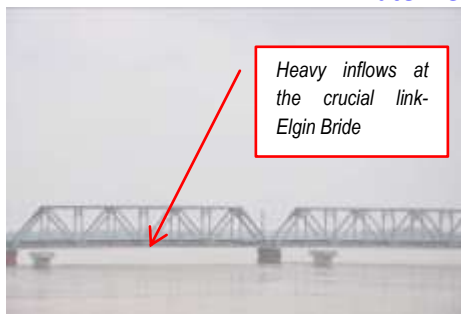
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Snapshots from the field

Snaps Shots – 01 August 2011

Water Levels at Elgin Bridge and



Breach at Elgin Charsadi, Gonda and the main embankment washed away



Main Embankment Washed Away

Work on to repair the ensuing breach



Interactions with the Civil Administration and Food Supplies being prepared



Govt Medical teams positioned

Press Clips



बाढ़ से बचाव कार्य में न हो कोताही : सीएम

लखनऊ, 1 अगस्त (जाब्यू) : मुख्यमंत्री मायावती ने गोंड-बारबंकी सीमा पर चरसड़ी बांध के टूटने से प्रभावित गांवों में बचाव एवं राहत कार्य सुदृढ़तर पर किए जाने के निर्देश दिए हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रदेश के सभी बांधों की सुरक्षा और बाढ़ से बचाव की आवश्यकता सुनिश्चित की जाए। यदि कहीं भी इस कार्य में शिथिलता पायी जाएगी तो संबंधित अधिकारी के खिलाफ कार्रवाई की जाएगी।

मुख्यमंत्री ने चरसड़ी बांध के टूटने को गंभीरता से लेते हुए प्रमुख सचिव सिंचाई तथा फैजाबाद के मंडलायुक्त एवं गोंड एवं बारबंकी जिलाधिकारी को बांध का निरीक्षण कर उसकी समुचित सुरक्षा व्यवस्था करने का निर्देश दिया। बारबंकी के पांच और गोंड के 52 गांवों के प्रभावितों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाने एवं राहत देने के भी निर्देश दिए। बाढ़ से प्रभावित लोगों के बचाव एवं राहत कार्य में लापरवाही बर्दाश्त नहीं की जाएगी। बचाव की कार्य योजना बना शीघ्रतः शीघ्र प्रतिशोध क्षतिपत्र तदबंधी आदि की मरम्मत तथा हर साल प्रभावित होने वाले क्षेत्रों की सुरक्षा पुष्टा करने के निर्देश दिए।

शिथिलता बरतने वाले अफसरों पर होगी कार्रवाई

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लखनऊ, 1 अगस्त (जाब्यू) : बाढ़ के कारण करोड़ों के नुकसान के लिए प्रदेश सरकार को जिम्मेदार ठहराते हुए भाजपा प्रदेश प्रकाश इंदरनाथन, दीक्षित ने आरोप लगाया कि सरकारी भ्रष्टाचार के कारण ही बांध और पुल टूट रहे हैं। गोंड व बारबंकी क्षेत्र में घाघरा नदी की बाढ़ की वजह से आर 200 गांवों में हुए नुकसान के लिए सत्ता में बैठे लोग दोषी हैं। यह एवं भी बाढ़ में यही एलिन-चरसड़ी बांध टूटा या और जिसकी मरम्मत में करोड़ों रुपये खर्च दिखाया गया। निर्माण में हुए भ्रष्टाचार की बाढ़ के कारण बांध और पुल हर जगह टूट रहे हैं। बचाव में सरकार विफल : सत्ता ने आरोप लगाया है कि बसपा सरकार बाढ़ से बचाव में विफल रही है। सारा प्रदेश प्रवाण राजेंद्र चौधरी ने कहा कि सरकार हर गाँव जाने वाली विद्युतअई से निबंदने में रुचि नहीं रखती है। उन्नयन ध्यान सिर्फ पक्ष के व्यापार और अपने कमीशन की राशि बढ़ाते रहने में ही रहता है।

The state is in deep water

MI Correspondent

Lucknow There has been ample rain so far in most parts of UP this season and the monsoon status of monsoon in the part of the world has begun. The state capital received heavy rainfall in most parts on Monday. Moreover, the state is divided into monsoon - east and west UP. While the west, west part has had 8% more rain than normal (6 July), the east region received marginal - deficit (4%). But overall, Uttar Pradesh has had a 5% surplus with Lucknow having 7% surplus rain.

The state capital has received 342.7 mm rain so far this year against a normal of 320.4 mm, which is 7% more. West UP received 36.9 mm rain against a normal of 38.8 mm, which is 1% more than the average. According to the Met department, more rain is in store for UP.

States and west UP, which is in deficit, would receive more rain than west UP due to the upper air cyclonic circulation that took made the monsoon current more favourable.

Flood plays havoc in Gonda

Lucknow Even as flood situation continues to grip in the state on Monday, a major breach in Right Channel and Jang embankments of the Ghagra in Gonda caused flooding in large number of villages in the district.

The government has suspended five engineers of the irrigation department including executive engineer Gonda for breach in embankments of the district. Reports from Submagar, Ichriach and Jyotiba also indicated vast destruction by the Right, the Ghagra and the Sheria, all flowing about 1000 yards in these districts. Chief minister Mayawati, who reviewed the situation with senior officers, has directed the district administration to take preventive measures. Gonda IPR, Hare, the chief minister had said that the district had been hit by the breach in the embankment. He said the administration had launched large-scale relief operation and the people were being shifted to safer places. So far there had been no reports of loss of human life.

August and September often emerge as the aggressive months in terms of rain. Hence, we can expect more rain.

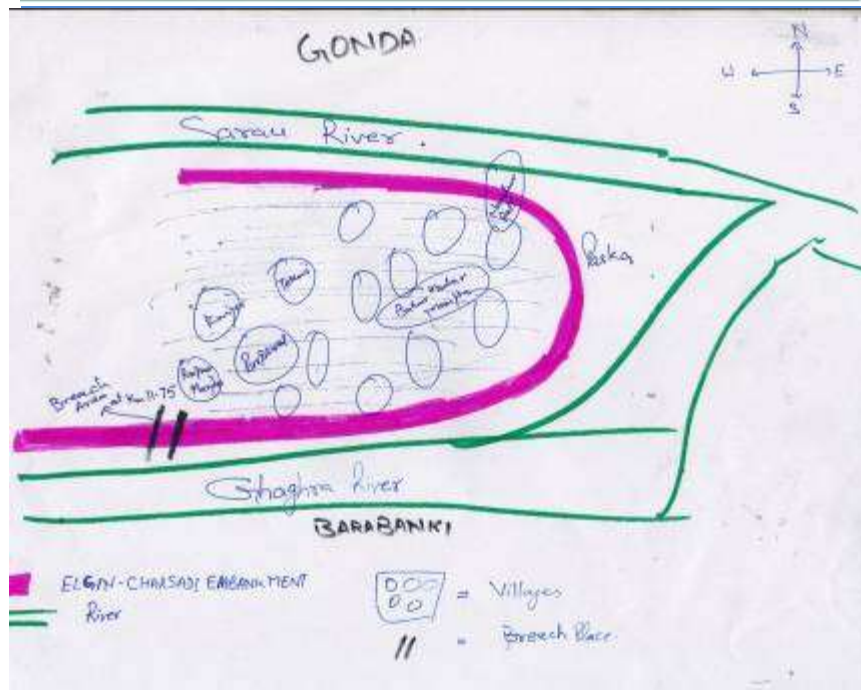
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REGION/CITY	ACTUAL	NORMAL	DEPARTURE
West Pradesh	36.9	38.8	Plus 1%
West UP	38.2	39.8	Plus 1%
East UP	36.6	41.2	Minus 1%
Lucknow	342.7	320.4	Plus 7%
Kanpur	42.8	37.8	Plus 13%
Ahmedabad	40.9	38.8	Plus 14%

(Above) The area near the Ghagra embankment water-logged on Monday. (Left) Construction in the Old City areas had to wade through above-normal level water to reach their destinations. Schoolkids were no exception.

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Maps



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