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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AUWSSB	: Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board
BOD	: Biological Oxygen Demand
CDM	: Clean Development Mechanism
COD	: Chemical Oxygen Demand
CPCB	: Central Pollution Control Board
CPHEEO	: Central Public Health Environmental Engineering Organisation
CSP	: City Sanitation Plan
CWC	: Central Water Commission
DA	: Drainage Area
DBO	: Design, Build & Operate
DO	: Dissolved Oxygen
DPR	: Detailed Project Report
GIS	: Geographical Information System
GJB	: Guwahati Jal Board
GL	: Ground Level
GMA	: Guwahati Metropolitan Area
GMC	: Guwahati Municipal Corporation
GMDA	: Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority
GoI	: Government of India
ICT	: Information and communications technology
IEC	: Information, Education & Communication
JNNURM	: Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewable Mission
LPD	: Litres Per Day
MLD	: Million Litres per Day
MoEF	: Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India
MSW	: Municipal Solid Waste
NGRBA	: National Ganga River Basin Authority
NRCD	: National River Conservation Directorate
NRCP	: National River Conservation Plan
O&M	: Operation and Maintenance
PCBA	: Pollution Control Board, Assam
PFR	: Project Feasibility Report

PHE	:	Public Health Engineering
PMU	:	Project Management Unit
PS	:	Pumping Station
RFD	:	River Front Development
SPS	:	Sewage Pumping Station
SS	:	Suspended Solids
STP	:	Sewerage Treatment Plant
SWM	:	Solid Waste Management
TSS	:	Total Suspended Solids
ULB	:	Urban Local Bodies

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Bharalu River which runs through the city of Guwahati is heavily polluted resulting into serious environmental degradation of the area and has caused serious concerns on the health of inhabitants. The sources of pollution that have been identified are discharge of untreated waste water to the river at various places, flow of street pollution, solid waste dumped into the river and its banks. Key water quality parameters measured during the preparation of the DPR (December 2013) also show that the river water is not suitable for human use. For example, the average BOD<sub>5</sub> ranged from 56 mg/l to 85 mg/l measured at eight key locations of the river. These values are much higher than NRCD's prescribed standards of 3 mg/l for bathing water quality in a river. Similarly Dissolve Oxygen levels were found to be from 2.2 mg/l to 3.7 mg/l below the NRCD standard of 5 mg/l. Lack of civil amenities along the river is also a reason for the river being abandoned by the public. Due to heavy siltation, the carrying capacities of the Bharalu and Bahini channels are drastically reduced.

Therefore, the Pollution Control Board, Assam has given a high priority in restoring the river by adopting a series of conservation measures. The conservation measures being studied include wastewater management, solid waste management, water augmentation, improvement of channel conveyance, development of water fronts, provision of civil amenities along the river, and creation of awareness among communities and stakeholders not to abuse the river. The conservation measures are analysed and documented in a Detailed Project Report (DPR) following the Guidelines of National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD), Ministry of Environment and Forest (MOEF), New Delhi. The DPR will serve the main purpose for funding of conservation measures by NRCD. NRCD may consider funding of conservation schemes which are related to treatment of waste water, removal and management of solid waste directly dumped in the river and banks, desilting of river channel, river front development, community sanitation, capacity building and public education and awareness programmes. NRCD does not provide funds for overall municipal solid waste management because this may be funded by the Ministry of Urban Development. NRCD does not provide fund industrial pollution control schemes, hospital waste management etc, because they are required to comply with effluent regulation set by the Government.

The overall aim of the project is to restore and develop the Bharalu River that will enable and promote social and cultural activities along the river to the delight of the habitants living in Guwahati and of the tourists that visit Assam in addition to the full lives of flora and fauna in the river. The present project is one component of the overall road map and one of the several initiatives being taken by the Government of Assam to improve the living conditions of the habitants in Guwahati.

The DPR also addresses diverse yet related issues like environmental sustainability and dependency of local communities, including capacity building of institutions and related individuals of related stakeholders to sustain the development. The DPR is prepared following an extensive consultation with stakeholders which include Government agencies, local municipal bodies, NGOs and civil societies, academic

institutions and individuals, communities affected and to be benefitted, and the public at large. The Draft DPR is made available at the PCBA Website ([www.pcbassam.org](http://www.pcbassam.org)) for public study and comments. Comments and suggestions received before 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 will be considered in finalizing the DPR. However, PCBA will welcome suggestions from stakeholders any time before and during implementation so that the conservation measures being adopted serve the greater interest of the stakeholders.

Prior to the preparation of the DPR a City Sanitation Plan (CSP) has been prepared for the City of Nagaon followed by a project Feasibility Report (PFR) for sewerage schemes.

#### Conservation Schemes and Summary of Costs

Package No.	Scheme Name	Scheme Description	Approx. cost (Rs. Crore)
P-1	Water Augmentation	Opening of sluice of Bahini river to divert regulated flow form Basistha	7.868
P-2	Desilting of Rivers for improvement of conveyance	Desilting of Bahini, Bharalu and dead Bharalu rivers.	23.651
P-3	Interception of Waste Water	Intercepting structures for waste water along the Bharalu River	11.580
P-4	Sewage Treatment	Decentralized Sewage treatment plants along Bharalu River	179.661
P-5	Solid Waste Management	Management of solid waste directly dumped to the river and its banks	6.978
P-6	River Environmental Improvement	Development of walk, and Parks, community toilets & amenities	19.920
P-7	Development of Borosola beel	Development of the Borosola beel	16.194
P-8	Education, public awareness, capacity building	Capacity building of institutions, staff development, education and public awareness campaigns	4.043
P-9	River monitoring & warning system	Establishment & operation of river monitoring (flood and water quality), and	3.908

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		warning system	
P-10	Project Management	Establishment of Project Management Unit and operation, support of Project Management Consultancy to implement the project	24.623
	TOTAL Project Cost		298.424





## 1 About the Project Area

Details of this chapter are presented in the City Sanitation plan as well as in the Project Feasibility Report.

### 1.1 Authority for preparation of project

The authority for preparation of the project is:

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### 1.2 Description of Project Area

#### 1.2.1 Brief History of the town

#### 1.2.2 Geographical Location

### 1.3 Population in the Project Area

### 1.4 Status of water supply

### 1.5 Status of existing waste water disposal system

### 1.6 Status of drains

### 1.7 River Water quality

### 1.8 Justification of the project for pollution abatement of the river



## 2 Collection of Data

### 2.1 Introduction

As per the NRCD guidelines data requirement of stated Project has been captured at different levels with the required levels of information. The collected data has been used for preparation of Detailed Project Report for pollution abatement is a three step process namely: City Sanitation Plan (CSP), Project Feasibility Report (PFR) for Sewerage works, followed by the Detailed Project Report (DPR). The Gaps of the Data at the required stretches of the polluted river has been filled by field surveys. The CSP, PFR & DPR have been prepared on the basis of available / surveyed data (Primary / Secondary Data) that have been generated by the concerned agencies.

Detailed data and maps collected and prepared during the course of this study are presented in Annex 1.

### 2.2 Data Required at Different Levels

- i. Required data Drainage basin of the Bharaloo River has been prepared. In the basin map the polluted stretches have been identified and in respect of which the pollution abatement project has been prepared. This will help in identifying at priority basis for taking up pollution abatement works to improve the river water quality.
- ii. The town which is causing pollution of the river and for which an integrated project has been prepared for the abatement of pollution from waste water and solid waste.
- iii. Data of the rivers are required for detailed analysis, planning and design of the conservation measures.

#### 2.2.1 Drainage Basin Map

A map of the basin on 1:50,000 scale SOI topographical sheet showing the following features has been prepared.

Drainage map

S. No	Item	Complied (Y/N)
i.	Tributaries,	Y
ii.	Main stem and	Y
iii.	Existing water bodies	Y

Cities / Town in the basin with

S. No	Item	Complied (Y/N)
i.	River water quality being below the desired level	Y
ii.	Cities with cultural, social and tourism importance	Y

Recent Land Use, if available, from State Remote Sensing Centre

S. No	Item	Complied (Y/N)
i.	Agriculture	Y
ii.	Forests	Y
iii.	Mining.	
iv.	Industrial Areas	

Sites from where samples for testing water quality were drawn by the CPCB/SPCB/ by the project team.

Site Locations of Bharalu from where the Samples were taken are as under.

S.No	Location	Lat	Long	Station Name
1.	Near Bharalu Bridge-Rupnagar Main Road	91.76	26.17	S1
2.	Borshala beel outlet near Bharalu	91.74	26.17	S2
3.	Bhralu river point near Aryanagar Bishnupur	91.74	26.17	S3
4.	Bharalumukh near Brahmaputra	91.73	26.17	S4
5.	Refinery drain mouth at Bharalu near RGB road Jonali point	91.78	26.17	S5
6.	Bharalu upstream at Refinery drain mouth near RGB road Jonali point	91.78	26.17	S6
7.	Bharalu downstream near RGB road Jonali point	91.78	26.17	S7
8.	Bharalu NH-37 crossing point near Basistha Chariali	91.80	26.11	S8

### 2.2.2 Raster Layers

This report uses different sets of satellite and Elevation data to produce different sets of Maps. The satellite data has been used from ISRO, Bhuwan, DEM from CGIAR-CSI – SRTM & CartoSat.

The Satellite data used from Bhuwan is AWiFS, which is Multispectral Data with 56 m Resolution. It has a coverage size of 370 km x 370 km and gives data in 3 or 4 Bands. The data from Google has also been used to analyses different layers of the Maps. Google provides the data of high resolution of Approx 2 Meter to 5 Meter in the Project Area.

### 2.2.3 Shape Layers

Shape file are the base database for preparing different maps of the Region. There is a set of different Shape Layers / Shape Files used for creating different maps for the Bharaloo region having different purpose. The lists of Shape Files Created for the Report are as below:

S. No	Shape File Name	Type	Remarks
1.	Country	Polygon	The Indian Country.
2.	Assam State	Polygon	The State of Assam.
3.	Kamrup District	Polygon	The District of Kamrup.
4.	Zone Map	Polygon	The Zones of Kamrup. Metropolitan / Guwahati Town.
5.	Ward Map	Polygon	The Ward Map of Guwahati Town.
6.	Wetland	Polygon	Wetland area showing the location of Dippbor Bill and other small wetland Locations
7.	River Front Development	Polygon	The Development location along the River.
8.	Water Body	Polygon	Water Body Location of the Guwahati Town Area.
9.	Road	Line	Road Network of the Guwahati Town

10.	River / Drainage	Line	Bharaloo River Network of the Town.
11.	Contour Map - Zone 1	Line	This Map shows the contour Maps of Guwahati Town Area.
12.	Outfall Locations	Point	Outfall Location of the Bharaloo River Network
13.	Solid Waste	Point	Solid Waste Dumping Location
14.	Structures	Point	Showing location of Sluice, Bridges etc over Bharaloo River N/W
15.	STP Location	Point	STP Location for Guwahati Town
16.	Crematoria	Point	Cremation Location for Project Area
17.	Water Sampling Location	Point	Location of the Places where Water samples were collected.

The coordinate system specification followed for the Shape Files are:

Property	Specification
PROJECTION:	WGS 1984 UTM Zone 46N.
GEOGCS:	GCS WGS 1984.
DATUM:	D WGS 1984.
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PARAMETER:	Scale factor, 0.9996.
PARAMETER:	Latitude of origin, 0.0.
UNIT:	Meter, 1.0

Source of Different Data:

Category	Data	Concerned Department	Available
River and Hydrology Related data	Cross Section	Water Resource Department	Yes
	Water Levels	Water Resource Department	Yes
	Water Quality Data	PCBA, New sampling by project	Yes , EREC lab
	Soil Map Land Use (If Available)	State remote sensing center	Yes
Sewerage	Map of Existing Sewarge System, if any	N/A	
	Area Name	various	Yes
	Drainage System and Related Data if	various	Yes

	any		
	Building and Temple Locations	maps	yes
	Road Network	GMDA	Yes
	Location of Outfalls	Field surveys	Yes
	Diameter of the Pipes	Form GMDA Master Plan	Yes
	Manholes	Form GMDA Master Plan	Yes
	Structures on the River and Sewarge System	Survey & Project survey	Yes
	Slope	Survey	Yes
	Spot Levels	Survey	yes
<b>Water Supply</b>	Existing Water Supply	GMC / GMDA	Yes
	Demand and sources	GMC / GMDA	Yes
<b>Demography</b>	Population of wards as per Census	Municipal Corporation	Yes
	Slums Detail	GMC	yes
	Other data	GMC / others	NA
<b>Crematoria</b>	Location of Crematorium	GMC	yes
<b>River front development</b>	Location of River Front Development	Survey	Yes
<b>Low cost Sanitation</b>	Location of Public Toilets	Municipal Corporation	yes
<b>Solid Waste</b>	Location of Waste Disposal, if any	GMC	yes

## 2.3 Town Related Data

### 2.3.1 Maps Related to Town

The Town has been covered in the report as different maps in Digital Format. These digital Formats are the combination of Raster and Vector Data.

To prepare Maps different data and sources in the form of Vector and Raster Layer has been used. The maps contain the layers as listed below:

- i. Important land marks of the city.
- ii. Rivers and their flood plains.
- iii. Other water bodies.
- iv. River banks where solid waste is dumped.

- v. Drains, and their respective outfalls and catchments (drainage areas).
- vi. Streets.
- vii. Municipal wards.
- viii. Open spaces.
- ix. Residential areas.
- x. Industrial estates.
- xi. Industrial units outside industrial estates.
- xii. Points of discharge of industrial effluents.
- xiii. Slums.
- xiv. STPs and sewage pumping stations.
- xv. Crematoria.
- xvi. River front (ghats) developed in the past.
- xvii. Sites on river banks for cattle wallowing, dhobi ghats, washing of motor vehicles and carcasses are dumped.
- xviii. Garbage dumping sites including landfills.
- xix. Pollution abatement works carried out in the past.

### 2.3.2 Land Use, Contour, Drainage and Other Thematic Maps:

The thematic maps related to Landuse have been created using suitable SOI Maps and Satellite data. These maps are used to categorise the Landuse patterns and find the suitable locations required for the project in creating STP and other related locations. The Data has been prepared using the latest Satellite data to the actual satiation present on the ground to have the optimized solution of the situation. The land used has been created using LISS-III and AWiFCS Data along with the usage of Google Earth Imageries. SOI Toposheet has been used as the Base Point of starting of GIS Database to the authentic source of base map data.

### 2.3.3 Use of State of Art Tools like Remote Sensing and GIS

For creating maps and other data Latest tools and technology has been used. Tools like MIKEbyDHI, ArcGIS & AutoCAD has been used to create, Process, edit and finalize the Maps & Database and reports. These tools have been used to generate different themes and layouts in GIS and AutoCAD Formats. The different layout depicts the water-bodies, River Network, Drainage Network, Structures and Outfall Location etc.

### 2.3.4 Population of the Town

The ward-wise Population load using the suitable trend analysis has been calculated to get the pollution load on different river stretch along the river. Data for Population has been referred from Census of India database. The ward wise population has been referred from Municipal Reports and their database to prepared maps and reports. The population trend analysis has been done using arithmetic, incremental increase, geometric, and exponential methods.



### 3 Conservation Measures

#### 3.1 General Conservation Framework

Figure 3-1 shows the general framework of conservation of the Bharalu river.



Figure 3-1 Framework of River Conservation

#### 3.2 Road Map for the Conservation of Bharalu River

Table 3.1 presents a road map for the conservation of Bharalu River. The road map addresses the related issues such as institutional, waste water management, solid waste management and river front development distinctly and is therefore presented in four sub-tables.

The road map briefly describes the existing situation, and states the desired goal. Then a phase wise implementation plan is proposed consisting of immediate, mid- and long-term activities. The present investment project for which this DPR is prepared deals with the immediate action plan required to improve the present situation of unacceptable water quality in the river. It is expected that Government of Assam will implement other complementary projects to achieve the long term goal shown in the road map.

Table 3.1 Road Map for the conservation of Bharalu River

1. Institutional aspects

Existing Situation		Immediate term (2014-2017)	Goal
River & Lake Conservation Cell under Pollution Control Board, Assam. Several Institutions active, inadequate coordination mechanism	Mandate & functions not clearly defined.  Funding of river conservation measures & related development works not ensured	Use the proposed Conservation project to establish the Assam River Conservation Authority, build capacity (supported by PMU)	A fully functional Assam River & Lake Conservation Authority, with clear mandates, ensured funding and capacity to restore & conserve key water bodies to desired level.

2. Solid Waste Management

Existing Situation	Immediate action (2014-2017)	Mid-term long term (by 2020)	Goal
Bharalu river is abused with solid waste dumped into the channel and banks, also a major source of water pollution.	1.Remove solid waste form the river and banks 2. Establish garbage collection along the banks and transport to dumping sites. 3. Public awareness campaign to stop dumping waste into the river	Solid Waste management system in Guwahati city fully functional as in a modern city	A clean & livable Guwahti city (including all water bodies) free of unwanted solid wastes

### 3. Waste Water Management

Existing Situation	Immediate term (2014-2017)	Mid- & Long Term Actions (by 2025)	Goal
River receives untreated sewage and septic tank effluent making, one of the most polluted rivers in India.	Intercept waste water coming from the Bharalu catchment area (wards), and discharge treated effluent from decentralized STPs. (to be integrated into the sewerage master plan)	Guwahati city Sewerage and drainage project implemented, city fully covered with piped water supply.	A clean Bharalu river sustaining desired national environmental conditions.

### 4. River Environment Improvement

Existing Situation	Immediate term (2014-2017)	Long term (by 2025)	Goal
River disconnected from society / public; lack of recreation areas	<p>River front development along the lower reach of Bharalu, walkways, greenways.</p> <p>Development of Borosola beel – cleaning, water retention, improved walkways.</p>	<p>Further development of the whole reach. Fully developed Borosola beel as a water recreation facility</p> <p>Encourage public, private and cultural groups to use river front.</p>	Bharalu river is the center of recreation & public life in Guwahati City

### 3.3 Root Cause Analysis & Measures Solution Options

The conservation measures proposed are part of the roadmap presented above and also are based on the root cause analysis of pollution and other river degradation factors. Table 3.2 Presents the details of the root cause analysis and the proposed measured.

Table 3.2 Root Cause Analysis and Proposed Solution Options

Causes / Pollution sources	Solution Options	Conservation Packages
Lack of dry season flow from upstream	Flow augmentation to the most polluted section (Bahini-Bharalu)	<b>P-1:</b> Water Augmentation by reopening the sluice gate in Bahini from Basistha, weir in Basistha, trenchless pipe
Reduced carrying capacity of river channel due to siltation & solid waste disposal	Improve conveyance by dredging & solid waste removal	<b>P-2:</b> Solid waste removal, Desiltation
Pollution due to solid waste disposal into the channel and in river banks	Solid waste management, Awareness programmes	<b>P-7:</b> Solid waste management plan <b>P-8:</b> Public awareness & education programs

Causes / Pollution sources	Solution Options	Conservation Packages
Sewage and septic tank effluent discharged directly into the river (including street pollution)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Full separation of domestic sewage, transported to a centralized STP near Deepor Beel (GMDA sewerage DPR)</li> <li>2. Full separation but decentralized STPs</li> <li>3. Interceptor drains for DWF along the river and transported to a centralized STP</li> <li>4. Interceptor drains for DWF along the river, decentralized STPs along the river</li> </ol>	<b>P-3:</b> Interceptor drain Parallel to Bharalu for DWF only, allowing storm water overflow to the river <b>P-4:</b> Decentralized STPs along Bharalu

Causes / Pollution sources	Solution Options	Conservation Packages
River disconnected to society / public; lack of recreation areas	Water Front development programmes, awareness, education	<b>P-5:</b> Water Front development along the Bharalu <b>P-6:</b> Development of Borosola beel, outlet structure
Inadequate information & data for decision making	River monitoring & warning systems	<b>P-10:</b> Establishment and operation of a river monitoring & warning system (water quality and flood)
Lack of ownership, capacity, sustainability issues	Education & Awareness programmes, capacity building & training	<b>P-8:</b> Education awareness & capacity building programmes <b>P-9:</b> Establishment of Project Management Unit (PMU), provision of O&M budget



## 4 Sewerage Schemes

### 4.1 Status of Existing Waste Water Disposal Works

Presently there is no organized sewerage system in Guwahati City. Untreated or semi-treated sewage are discharged to the storm water drains due to lack of a proper sewerage and sanitation system in the city. There is one STP in Guwahati located at the northern end of Borsola Beel which discharges to the Bharalu. The SPT serves the area to the north-east of AK Azard Road. The plant was developed by the GMAC and is reported to have a capacity of 1.5 MLD.

In the older part of Guwahati un-treated sewage and sullage is discharged into storm water drains causing unhygienic conditions for the city dwellers and also a grave risk to health of sanitation workers. Newer houses in relatively better planned and organized colonies have septic tanks but most of them lack soak pits. Partially treated effluent is usually discharged into open road drains which flow into the natural drainage channels that pass through the city. In view of existing status of environment of Guwahati without any engineered sewage system and treatment facilities, it is extremely important to plan and implement a scientific system of underground sewerage and sewage treatment to save the population from a calamity in the near future. Further, in accordance with the norms of the Government of India, a city like Guwahati with a population over 7.5 lakhs, falls under the obligation of having adequate facilities of sewerage and sewage treatment in the city.

#### 4.1.1 Existing Works

The primary development of Guwahati is carried out by two main agencies, namely the GMC and the GMDA. These two agencies operate under the Guwahati Development Department (GDD), Government of Assam. It is important to understand the domain and responsibilities of such government organizations to better appreciate the issue of ownership and operation of infrastructure facilities.

At present, the institutional arrangements to deal with sewerage issues are inefficient and rest with a number of agencies. While the GMC is responsible for water supply only for a part of the city, its primarily responsibility is managing the solid waste, along with maintenance of storm drains and cleaning of septic tanks. GMDA is responsible for planning and carrying out some of the major developmental works to be undertaken in the city in future.

The following observations apply to the about existing sewerage and sanitation facilities in Guwahati:

- Service delivery for sanitation in Guwahati does not match the requirements of the city and also the stipulated service level benchmarks (SLBs) by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India. Further, the presence of multiple agencies with similar duties might have compounded the problem of service delivery.
- Guwahati Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board or the “Jal Board” (also under GDD) has been established with the responsibility of creation of the assets and operation and maintenance of the water supply and sewerage components for the city. Septage management, once implemented, is expected to be handled in the future by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation. Decentralised waste water treatment systems, if implemented, may also be handled by either the Corporation or the Jal Board.

- In the older parts of Guwahati untreated sewage and sullage discharged directly into storm water drains causes a severe health risks for the citizens. Newer houses in more planned and organised colonies have septic tanks but most lack soak pits. The partially treated effluent is usually discharged into open road drains which flow into the natural drainage channels that pass through the city. This results in unhygienic conditions of the surrounding areas as well as pollution of ground and surface water sources. This also poses even greater health risks as ground water is also extracted for using as potable water in some areas pending the commissioning of the ongoing water supply systems. The two main causes of concern from the sanitation and health perspective are the untreated or partially treated effluent stream from septic tanks (if not being soaked into a soak pit) and the septage being emptied from the septic tanks.

#### 4.1.2 Project under process

The DPR for the Sewerage Network of Guwahati prepared by GMDA (2012) is based on the available survey data projected on topographical contour maps. The proposed sewerage system is divided into three distinct sewerage zones characterized by an independent collection, conveyance, treatment, and disposal system (Figure 2-1).

The complete new network system will provide house or service connections to the public municipal sewer. The trunk main routes in each zone have been reported to be marked along the side/ centre (as applicable) of existing roads along natural slopes with due consideration to crossings of existing drainage courses, railway lines, storm water drains, etc. The zoning of the sewerage system and natural valleys will result in minimal depth of cutting for laying of sewers (which has been restricted to 8 m). Intermediate sewage pumping stations and lift sewage pumping stations have been considered, as necessary.

The treatment processes have been selected based on technical and economic feasibility and suggestions from the funding agency (JICA) and the approving authority.

Relevant elements of this proposal are as follows:

- The treated sewage discharge will be disposed to the Brahmaputra from the respective Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) through pumping mains (for Zone 1) and through gravity mains (for Zones 2 and 3). Alternatively, the treated waste water will be used for watering agricultural fields or for horticulture. Solids generated through the waste water treatment process are proposed to be transported to a landfill or used as fertilizer on agricultural fields after being sufficiently dried at the STPs.
- The sewerage system will significantly improve the overall environmental condition and reduce the risk of contagious diseases.

Of particular note for this report is the recognition of low-lying pockets (or very low density populations in the city), which have not been covered under the proposed sewer network. It may be proposed to provide on-site treatment options or septage collection facilities for these areas. This in turn suggests due consideration of a septage management and decentralized waste water treatment options as an integral part of the solution for Guwahati, which may be restricted to such low-lying areas while all other areas are being covered by centralized sewerage system for their hydraulic amenability.



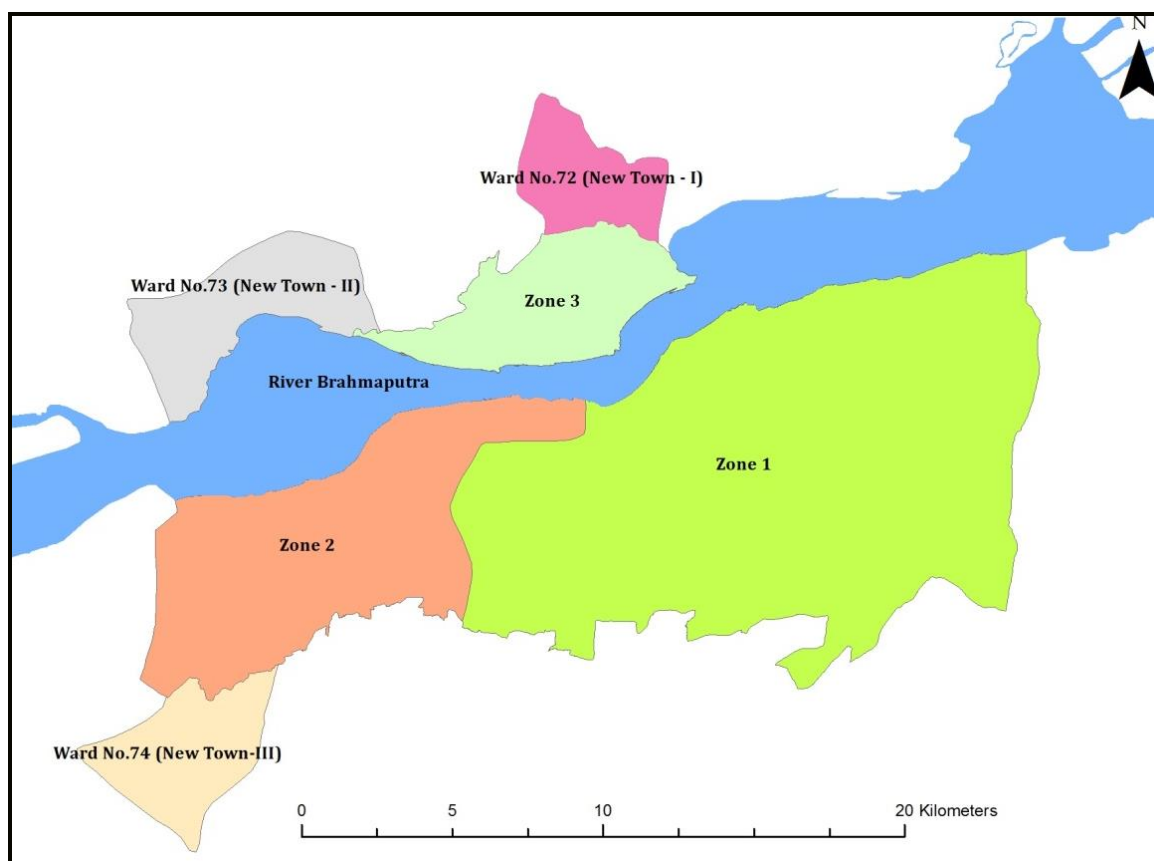


Figure 4-1 Proposed sewerage Zones of Guwahati

## 4.2 Population Projections of Each District in Design Years

The Bharalu River flows through the central part of Guwahati where most of the population lives. The catchment area of the Bharalu includes 36 wards of the city of which 16 contribute to the Bahini River, while 20 contribute to the Refinery Ditch and the Bharalu. The ward wise population data for all wards in the city are presented in Tables 4-1 and 4-2. The wards within the Bharalu catchment area and Bahini catchment area are presented.

Table 4-1 Ward Wise Population in Bharalu Catchment

<b>Bharalu River</b>			
<b>Ward No.</b>	<b>Population</b>		
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2050</b>
11	13,480	17,760	8,133
14	23,093	30,426	8,447
17	18,679	29,476	62,704
18	6,803	8,040	22,662

20	10,911	12,894	13,142
21	6,047	7,146	10,756
22	26,914	42,471	7,648
23	10,148	11,993	6,225
25	16,953	20,035	11,308
26	9,850	11,640	9,158
27	9,868	11,662	12,135
28	9,047	10,691	16,678
32	9,427	11,140	17,529
33	9,690	11,451	11,786
35	13,083	17,238	25,215
36	16,382	21,584	14,077
37	15,901	20,951	22,828
38	8,880	11,700	18,987
39	14,492	19,094	59,011
40	3,739	4,926	14,800
41	22,257	29,325	19,213
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,75,644</b>	<b>3,61,643</b>	<b>3,92,442</b>

Table 4-2 Ward wise population in Bahini Catchment

<b>Bahini River</b>			
<b>Ward No.</b>	<b>Population</b>		
	2020	2035	2050
24	27,295	43,073	8,084
42	13,316	17,544	45,623

43	5,903	7,778	21,330
44	16,525	21,773	1,81,978
45	17,099	22,529	54,490
46	30,386	43,464	90,151
47	8,525	11,233	1,46,675
48	12,705	16,739	48,074
49	28,765	37,900	93,634
50	11,951	15,747	46,980
51	59,180	1,00,196	1,12,100
52	14,779	25,021	90,412
53	14,779	25,021	90,412
54	19,601	33,187	94,780
55	34,947	59,168	7,716
56	20,151	31,799	16,030
57	33,656	53,111	12,176
58	27,603	43,559	20,016
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,97,166</b>	<b>6,08,842</b>	<b>11,80,661</b>

### 4.3 Projected Waste Water Flows in each District in Design years

At present, the city of Guwahati does not have an integrated sewerage system except for select residential areas such as the Railway Colonies, the Oil Refinery colonies and residential areas under defence establishments which have their own sewerage and treatment facilities. The only collection and treatment process followed is use of septic tanks. Therefore, much of the waste water generated in the city is being disposed of into rivers without treatment (Tables 4-3 and 4-4).

Sewage generated is considered as 80% of the water supplied for residential area and 70% of Non-Residential demand. This figure is used for estimation of sewage flow. The Domestic sewage generation is considered as 135 LPCD at the consumer end up to the year 2040 for the permanent residential area and 45 LPCD for the migrating population. (ii) Industrial, commercial and institutional demand (ICI demand).

No major industrial unit in the designated sewerage zones is considered. Hence contribution from major industry is not considered for the analysis and design of the

sewerage system. Some small scale industries, institutions and hotels are located in the project area. An allowance of 10% over and above the drinking water demand is considered while estimating wastewater from such areas. This number also accounts for the marginal population which enters the catchment area on a daily basis.

Estimate of flow in sanitary sewer may include certain flows due to infiltration of ground water through joints. The quantity will depend upon workmanship in laying the sewers and level of ground water table. Since sewers are designed for peak discharges, allowance for ground water infiltration for the worst condition in the area has been taken as an additional 5% of the estimated sewage flow.

The waste water collection system has been considered a "Separate System". For the waste water collection system design, the parameters and guidelines of CPHEEO "Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment" second edition were adopted. The sewerage system will be designed for the peak flow for year 2050. The projected population considered for the water supply system was adopted for the sewerage system.

Since the City of Guwahati currently has a DPR for the complete sewer separation within the city, an option for the Bhalaru River restoration is to prioritize the sewer system in the catchment area, and build a sewage treatment plant which can be expanded for future flows.

Table 4-3: Calculation of per Capita Sewage Generation

Description	Demand (lpcd)
Net per capita water demand for South Guwahati (proposed in Water Supply Project)	135
Add 10% for ICI demand @ 10%	13.5
Add ground water infiltration @ 5%	6.75
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>155</b>
Considering 80% for sewage generation	124
<b>USE</b>	<b>125</b>

Notes:

1. As the Guwahati is a fast growing city and Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) activities are taking place at a rapid pace in some areas of the city, so a 10% provision has been used for ICI demand over the per capita demand of water supply for the whole population. This will eventually cover the need of ICI demand for the city as a whole taking care of unevenness of ICI demand distribution. This also accounts for the floating population which will be working in the ICI facilities.
2. Per capita sewage generation is considered as 125 lpcd for GMDA area.
3. The catchment area of the Bharalu includes 36 wards of the city and a projected 2035 population of approximately 870,000. The equivalent waste water generation from the projected population is shown in Table 2-5 below

The Bhalaru catchment area has projected 2035 population of approximately 1.0 million people. The sewerage system will be designed as STP for the intermediate design period (i.e., for 2035) and a sewer network for the ultimate design year of 2050.

The sewerage system for the Bharalu catchment area will be taken up after the water supply system is implemented in these wards.

Table 4-4: Projection for Total Waste Water Generation for Bharalu Catchment Area

River	Population			Sewage Contribution (lpcd)	Sewage Generation in MLD		
	2020	2035	2050		2020	2035	2050
Bahini	3,97,166	6,08,842	11,80,661	125	44	58	137
Bharalu	2,75,644	3,97,984	4,09,605	125	25	33	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,96,916</b>	<b>10,06,826</b>	<b>15,90,266</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>175</b>

#### 4.4 Sewage Collection and Treatment Options

As part of the restoration of the Bharalu, four (4) options for the removal of raw sewage from polluting the river were considered and are discussed below. Details of the four options are presented in the Project Feasibility report (December 2013).

- Option 1, will consist of full separation of the domestic waste in a separate sanitary sewer collection system and will convey the collected waste to a 95 STP central sewage treatment plant. This option is consistent with the DPR developed by the GMAC for the collection and treatment of sewage for the South Central and Eastern portion of Guwahati, as identified as Zone 1, with the exception that only the areas contributing to the Bharalu are considered for this plan.
- Option 2 is contains the same principals as Options 1 and includes the installation of a separate sewer system. But rather than conveying the collected waste to a central STP, multiple de-centralized STPs would be located throughout the city, along the river, and possibly over the river, as availability of government owned land along the river is scarce. If a maximum 5 MLD decentralized STP is considered and is the largest decentralized facility that can be constructed at multiple locations, nineteen (19) decentralized plants will be required to treat the 95 MLD estimated for the population projection in the Bharalu catchment area for 2035.
- Option 3 includes the collection of the existing sewage and storm water drains in interceptor pipes which would run parallel to the length of Bahini/Bharalu on both the north and south sides as well as along the Refinery Ditch. Intercepted flows would be conveyed to the proposed 95 MLD STP which would be located on government owned land near the Deepor Beel. The interceptor system would be sized to collect and convey the full capacity of a separated system, but would not be able to convey storm water drainage during wet weather, which would overflow into the Bharalu. This is a less desirable option as during the wet weather the combined sewage overflow could potentially add diluted sewage to the river.
- Option 4 proposes to intercept the sewage and storm drainage in interceptor sewers along the river but this flow would be treated at numerous decentralized STPs located throughout the city as indicated in Option 2. If a maximum 5 MLD decentralized STP is considered and is the largest decentralized facility which could be constructed at multiple locations, nineteen (14) decentralized plants will be required to treat the 70 MLD estimated for the population projection in the Bharalu catchment area for 2020, Figure 4-2.

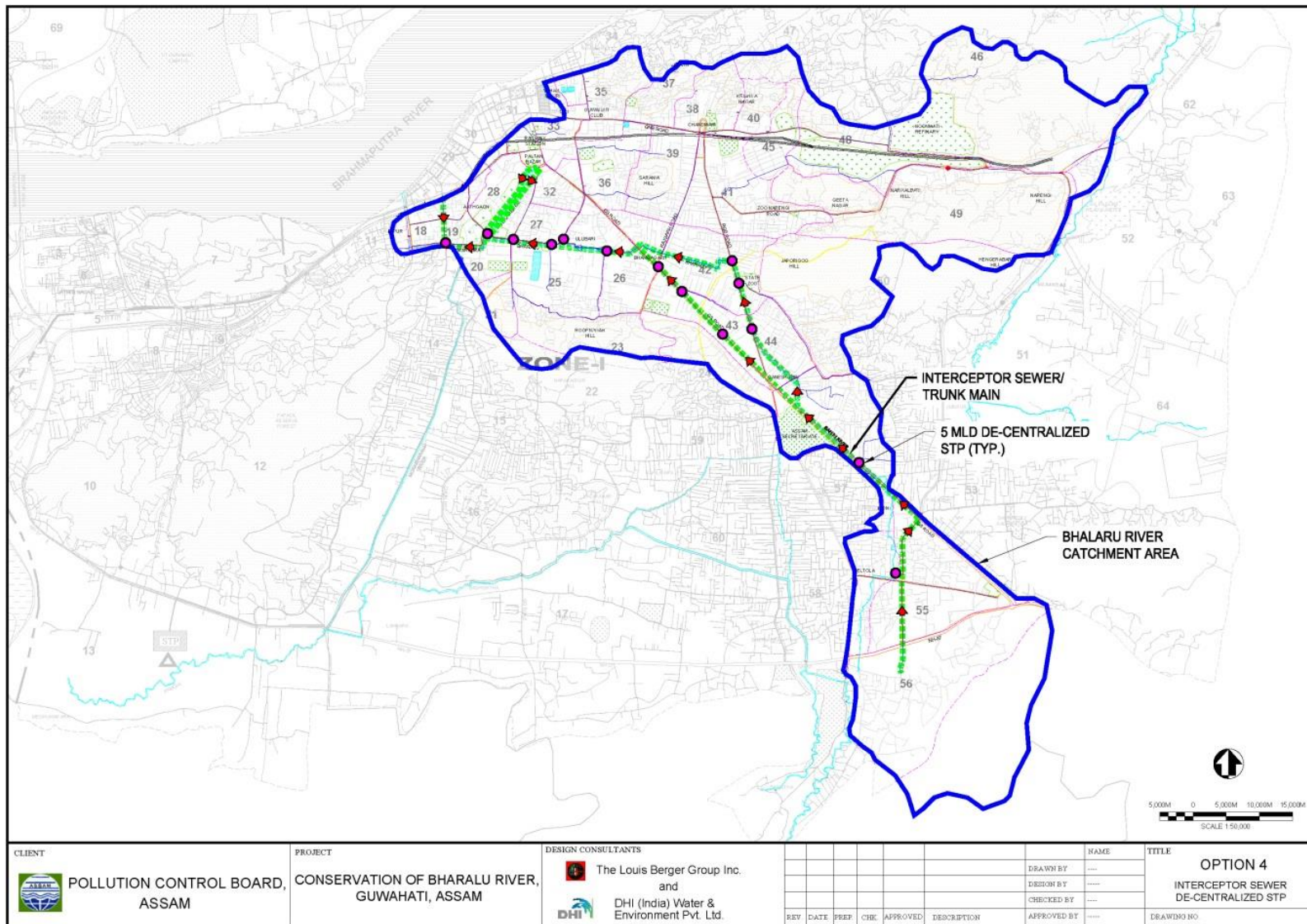


Figure 4-2 Decentralized sewerage treatment option for Bharalu

#### 4.4.1 Availability of Land for various Components in each District

The availability of government owned land within the Bharalu catchment area is limited. The location of the de-centralized STPs proposed for this feasibility report is over the Bharalu River, Refinery Ditch, and Bahini River. It is anticipated that each de-centralized STP will have a capacity of 5 MLD. Based on the projection of wastewater generated through 2020 14 STPs would be required to meet the demands of the Bharalu catchment area. Each STP is estimated to require approximately 800 square meters of land area.

Due to the scarcity of available government owned land in the urbanized wards of the City of Guwahati, it is proposed to site the 5 MLD STPs over the rivers. This will require the bridging of the rivers and provision of access to the sites from the adjoining roads.

The 5 MLD STP can be describe as follows:

The suggested 5 MLD de-centralized STP is proposed to be a Submerged Aerated Fixed Film process containing the following process equipment:

**Influent pump station** equipped with two submersible pumps, pump pedestals, control box, alarm system that would be installed on site casted concrete tank 100 m<sup>3</sup>.

**The hydraulic load** for this size treatment plant will be 10 m<sup>3</sup>/min. The duplex influent pump station will be sized to handle 3 time average daily flow rates up to 30 m<sup>3</sup>/min. The 100 m<sup>3</sup> pump well will level out the hydraulic load, thus in normal operation only one pump would be required and the second would be provided for back-up and alternating operation.

**Pre-treatment Screening** would be accomplished with a fine mesh screen and combined sand, fat and grease trap in one single Chamber. The screening unit would be sized to handle up to 18 m<sup>3</sup>/min. The pre-treatment would remove sand, fat and grease simultaneously as following:

- The sand is transported to a waste bin container by screw conveyer.
- The grease is scraped off into a small container.
- The screening material is washed and compressed and end up into a waste bin container.

The sand, fat and grease trap will be constructed locally in concrete tanks.

**Equalization tanks (2 × 500 m<sup>3</sup>)** - In order to make the biologically treatment work efficiently, the key factor is loading the bioreactor with a constant flow. Two 500 m<sup>3</sup> equalization tanks will ensure the hydraulic load to the bioreactors is constant during the day.

**The biological treatment zone will** consists of an aerated filter media, where the microorganism grows. The microorganisms perform the degradation of the organic load in the influent sewage water to the required treatment level. The biological cleaning process is performed by natural and indigenous bacteria only, without adding any other microorganisms. In order the system perform fully, needs about 3 – 6 weeks from the beginning of wastewater loading into it, which allows the bacteria are fully established and acclimated on the filter media. Each individual bioreactor cleaning unit is a self-contained system comprises an active aerated cleaning section. The bioreactor units will be installed in an onsite built concrete tank for this specific system. In addition, air blowers and diffusers will be incorporated into the biological treatment process.

**The biological sludge** will be removed by three drum filters with 20 µm filter elements. The sludge cake will be deposited onto a conveyor and discharge into a waste bin. The reject water from the drum filters (150 m<sup>3</sup>/day) will be discharged into a sludge pit decanting tank. In the tank, the suspended solids level will be increase to about 2%. The overflow water from sludge pit will be piped into the inlet pump well. The sludge pit will require dewatered from the bottom by a dewatering machine. The machine will run continuously.

**Disinfection system** – An Ultraviolet (UV) medium pressure UV system complete with UV sensor will be provided. Painted steel control panel. UV dose 400J/m<sup>2</sup> at end of lamp life. System fitted with 6 UV lamps WTL2000. UV system features:

- Pressure drop at 208m<sup>3</sup>/hr: 3cm H<sub>2</sub>O
- Maximum active power: 19300W
- Maximum apparent power: 20470VA
- UV transmittance: T10mm = 60%
- Required UV dose: 400 J/m<sup>2</sup>
- Total average power consumption over 9,000 hrs: 14390W

The UV Technology Advantages:

- To control all types of microorganisms, including those which are chlorine-resistant, without using any chemicals.
- Improves disinfection efficacy
- Reduces environmental, health and safety risks
- Eliminates formation of disinfection by-products

The treated effluent will be discharged back into the Bharalu River at each STP location.

## 4.5 Decentralized Option

The decentralized option is shown in Figure 4-2.

The main consideration behind this option is to allow treated effluent discharge into Bharalu to sustain flora, fauna and life. The sewerage scheme to be taken up during the project as part of the first phase is designed for the Bharalu catchment areas (wards) directly discharging waste water to the river. This addresses the needs for providing an effective interception of sewage before it enters into the river, conveyance, treatment, and disposal system to safeguard the River and also to maintain normal ecological system of the river. A series of decentralised treatment plants have been proposed to be implemented. This option will be constructed as a first phase of the Guwahati Sewerage Master Plan and therefore, is designed for waste water generation of 2020 only (70 MLD). 14 sets of modular decentralized STPs will be installed along the Bharalu river.

Figure 4-3 shows the interceptor arrangements at the waste water outfalls.



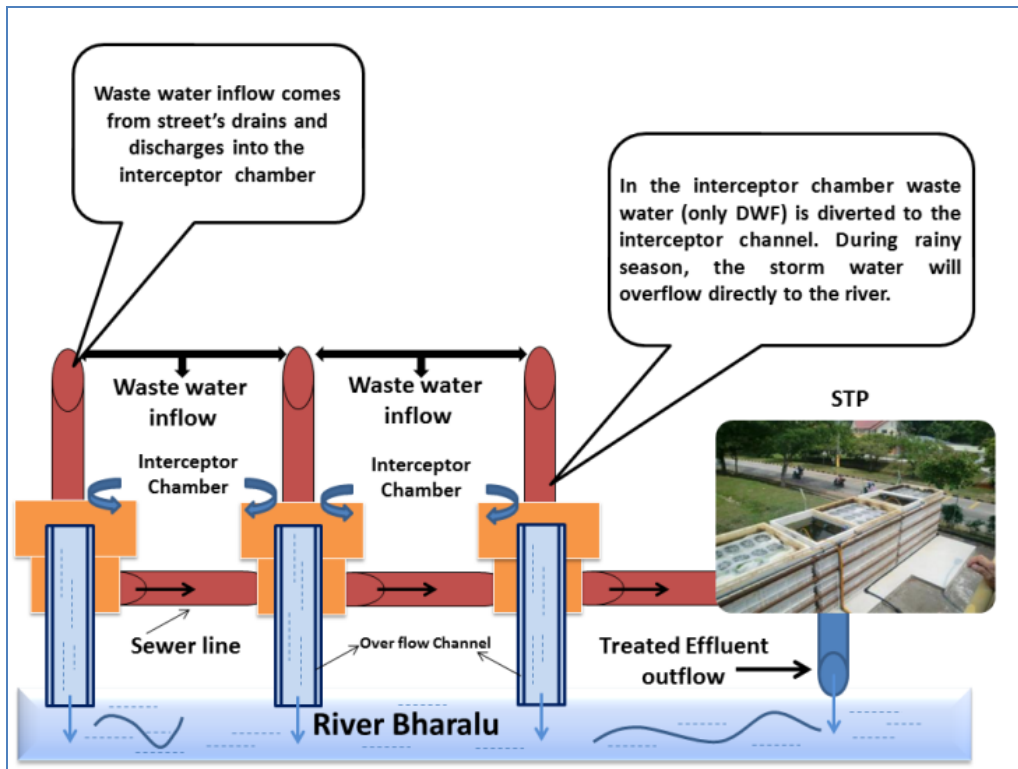


Figure 4-3 Interceptor and overflow arrangements

As shown in Figure 4-4 total outfalls in Bharalu from Bahini at Nutan bazaar to Bhaaramukh are given in Table 4-5. Three minor outfalls will be combined into one structure to provide inflow to one set of interceptor chamber. Therefore, a total of 42 such chamber arrangements will be made along the Bharau river.

Table 4-5 Number of Outfalls and proposed interceptor chambers

Type	Left Bank	Right Bank	Total
Major (with gate)	3	15	18
Minor	31	47	78
Total			96
Proposed interceptors combined overflow structures	11	31	42

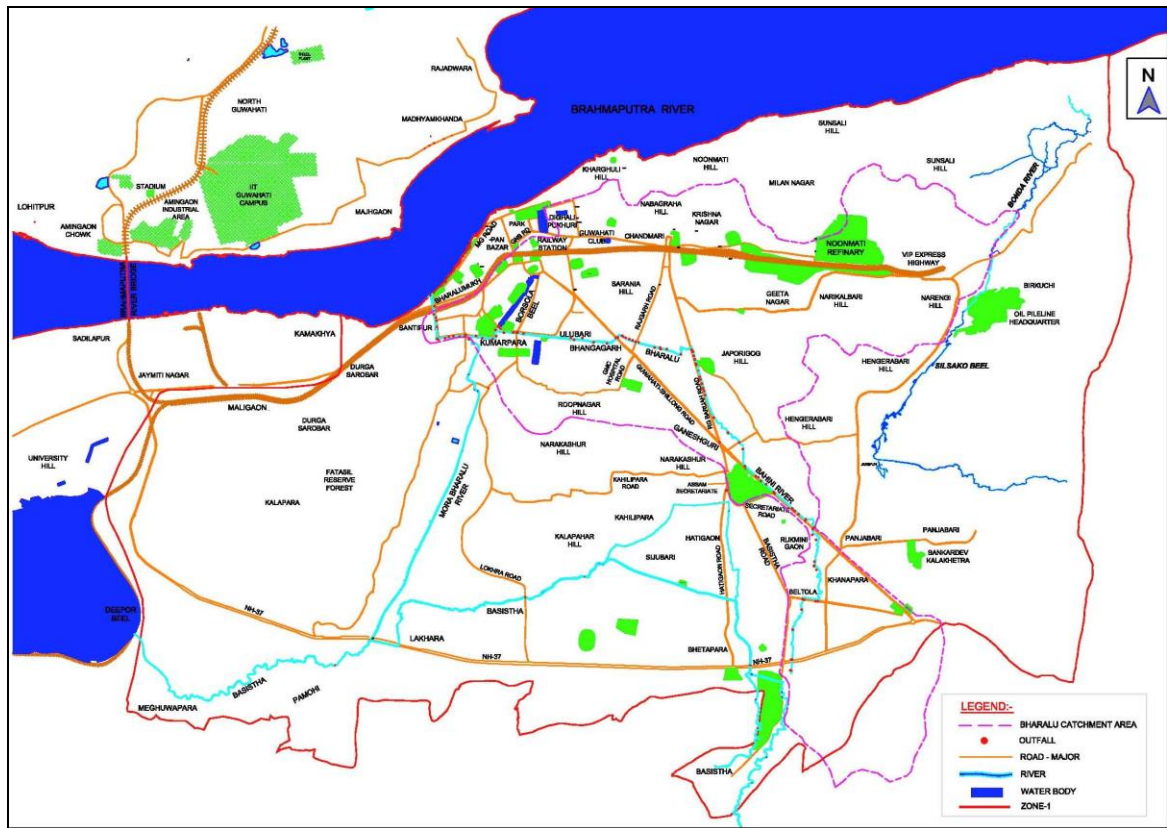


Figure 4-4 Outfall Locations along Bharalu

Figure 4-5 shows a typical modular STP for a decentralized arrangement.

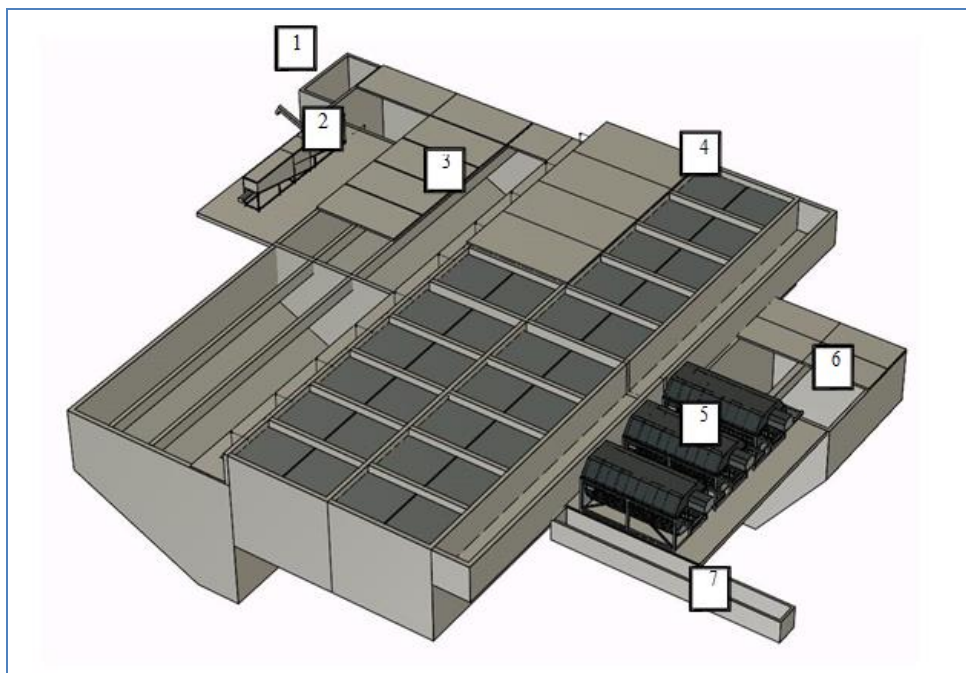


Figure 4-5 Typical Modular structure of a decentralized STP (bio-reactor type)

In the above figure the various components are arranged as follows:

1. Inlet Pump Well
2. Pre-treatment : Sand, Grease, Fat, Oil trap
3. Buffer Tanks
4. Bio Reactors
5. Removal of Bio Sludge
6. Sludge Dewatering
7. Tertiary Treatment : UV and / or Chlorination for disinfection.

An estimated of cost of the Decentralized STP option is given Table 4-6 and for the interceptor structure the estimated cost is given in Table 4-7.

Table 4-6 Estimate d cost of Decentralized STP option

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
1	14 sets of 5 MLD decentralized STPS including installation, all inclusive	70	MLD	2,37,30,000	166,11,00,000
2	O& M cost for 5 years @ Rs. 4000/MLD/day, with escalation adjusted factor	1	LS		13,55,06,250
	Grand Total				179,66,06,250
				<b>Approx</b>	<b>180 Crore</b>

Table 4-7 Estimated cost of Interceptor Structures for the Decentralized STP option

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
1	Intercepting Chamber	42	No	750,000	3,15,00,000
2	Interceptor	32	km	500,000	1,60,00,000
3	Repair of outfall drains	96	No	400,000	3,84,00,000
4	Other civil works, gates	1	LS	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
5	Sub total				9,59,00,000
6	Contingencies			5%	47,95,000
	TOTAL				10,06,95,000
2	O& M cost for 5 years @ 2% of capital cost per year with escalation adjustment factor	1	LS		1,51,04,250
	Grand Total				11,57,99,250
				<b>Approx</b>	<b>11.60 Crore</b>

Total of STP and the interceptor structures is estimated to be about 191.60 Crore Rs.

## 4.6 Operation and Maintenance

Operation and Maintenance of the de-centralized STPs, will require expertise in wastewater treatment plant operations. The operation of 14 de-centralized STPs will require a staff of maintenance personnel and equipment such as pick-up truck, sludge removal equipment, by-pass pumps, vacuum trucks, etc. In addition, for the interceptor sewer option, Option 4, a septage management plan will need to be implemented to remove the septage from the household septic tanks. This can be taken up by individual households with motivational support from PCBA/GMC. This will not require any additional costs, as costs of awareness and education will be included in a separate component of the DPR.

## 5 Solid Waste Management

### 5.1 Introduction

Municipal solid waste includes domestic waste, waste from fruits and vegetable markets, hotels and restaurants, office/ institutions, shops and commercial establishments, street sweeping, construction and demolition waste etc. The activities associated with the management of MSW from its point of generation to final processing and disposal is grouped into six functional elements. These are Waste Generation, Waste handling and sorting, storage and processing at the source, Collection, Sorting, processing and transformation, Transfer and transport and Processing and Disposal. Of the total expenditure incurred in municipal solid waste management, typically 70 to 80 percent is spent on the collection and transportation of wastes.

As per the provision made in the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, the urban local bodies are primarily responsible for management of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) of the respective cities and towns. Accordingly, Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) is the agency who is primarily responsible for the MSW management of the city.

Waste is a major health hazard that undermines people's right to a safe life. All forms of waste-municipal, biomedical, e-waste or industrial, if not treated and disposed of carefully are a threat to the health of people as well as to the environment. Improper solid waste management system may cause environmental degradation and adverse effects on public health as highlighted below:

- **Disease transmission and risk to public health:** Putrefying organic materials pose great public health risks. They can become breeding grounds for disease vectors such as rats and flies. Waste-handlers and waste-pickers risk contracting and transmitting diseases, especially if human or animal excreta or medical waste is in the municipal waste stream. Populations are also at an increased risk for poisoning, cancer, birth defects, and other ailments.
- **Contamination of ground and surface water:** Uncontrolled open dumping of solid wastes cause ground water and surface water pollution. The pollutants may be organic, inorganic, toxic and pathogenic. If the landfill is unlined, depending on the drainage system and the composition of the underlying soils, this runoff can contaminate ground or surface water. When leachate from landfill or waste dumping sites is discharged into surface water, it will similarly contaminate such water bodies.
- **Air pollution including greenhouse gas emission:** When organic wastes are dumped in bulk quantity or ordinary landfills, these wastes undergo anaerobic degradation and become significant sources of methane, a greenhouse gas that is 20 times more harmful than carbon dioxide. Municipal solid waste is often burned in residential areas and in landfills to reduce volume and to recover metals. Burning of waste emits carbon monoxide, soot, and nitrogen oxide. All of these are hazardous to human health and degrade urban air quality. Combustion of polyvinyl chlorides (PVCs) generates highly carcinogenic dioxins.
- **Damage and Degradation of Ecosystem:** When solid waste is dumped into rivers or streams, it can alter the aquatic habitat and harm native plants and animals. High nutrient contents can deplete dissolved oxygen in the water body. Similarly, sedimentation of solids can cause change the stream's flow and affect life of bottom inhabitants. Dumping of solid waste or landfills in sensitive ecosystems zones may destroy or significantly damage valuable natural resources and damage biodiversity.
- **Water accumulation and flooding:** The accumulation of waste along streets can clog drains and cause water logging.

- **Injury to people and damage of property:** In locations where shanty habitations have been developed near open dumps or badly designed or operated landfills, landslides can damage houses and injure or kill residents.

Figure-1 shows the effect of Municipal Solid Waste on Environment and Health.

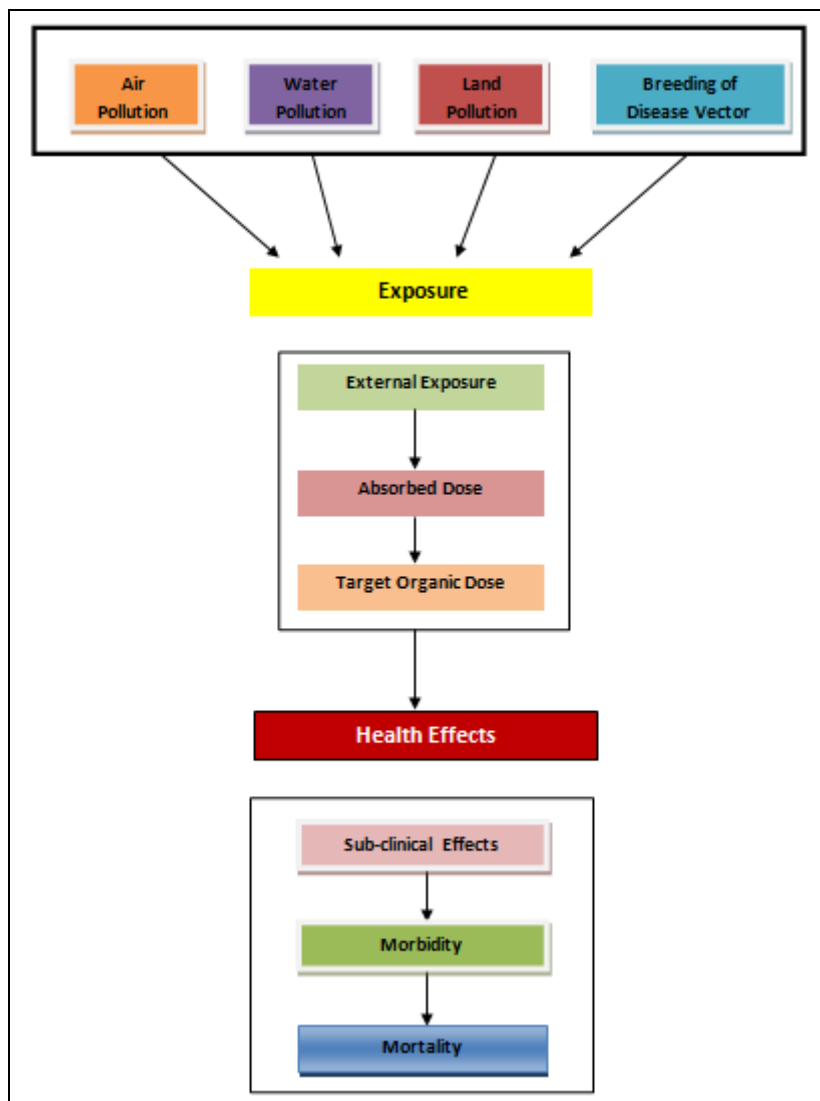


Figure 5-1 Effect of Municipal Solid Waste on Environment and Health

The poor solid waste collection system in Guwahati has a direct impact on the River Bharalu in terms of both the river pollution and its carrying capacity. In absence of proper collection and secondary storage facility of the solid waste, people residing adjoining to the river indiscriminately dispose of their waste into the river. Accumulation of such waste not only reduces the carrying capacity of the river but also cause for environmental degradation and public health concern in the surrounding areas.

## 5.2 Existing Situation

The present level of services provided by the GMC is inadequate and far from satisfactory. Details of the existing situation of municipal solid waste management in Guwahati city are described in the following sections.

### 5.2.1 Quantity of solid waste generation, its composition, and characteristics

According to a recent study (July, 2011) conducted by the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, the quantity of solid waste generated in Guwahati is in the range of 532-623 metric tons per day with an average per capita generation of 0.42-0.49 kg/day. As per the projection made in the study, the quantity of solid waste generation of Guwahati will increase to about 2660 metric tons with average per capita generation of 0.656 kg/day by the year 2041. As per the data obtained from the GMC, present daily quantity of solid waste generation of the city from all sources is about 600 MT that is on an average 0.62 kg/day of per capita generation based on the 2011 provisional census population of 963,429. Major sources of municipal solid waste generation are domestic (about 183,000 households), Commercial establishments (about 17,000), main market places (17 numbers) and institutions (14 numbers). Percentages of the total quantity of municipal solid waste generated in Guwahati from various sources is furnished in Table 5.1

Table 5.1: Percentages of Solid Waste Generation from Different Sources

Source	Per cent Waste Generation
<b>Domestic</b>	54.39
<b>Commercial Establishments</b>	17.85
<b>Restaurants</b>	2.95
<b>Hotels</b>	0.85
<b>Markets</b>	3.78
<b>Schools and Institutions</b>	0.95
<b>Street Sweepings &amp; Drain Cleanings</b>	15.16
<b>Temples</b>	0.40
<b>Bio Medical Waste (Domestic)</b>	1.30
<b>Construction</b>	0.79
<b>Others</b>	1.58
<b>Total</b>	100

(Source: Detailed Project Report for Integrated Solid Waste Management System for Guwahati)

The Bharalu and Bahini rivers pass through 11 numbers of municipal wards of the GMC area. A large part of the city population resides in these wards. It is most likely that in absence of adequate waste collection facilities, these people contribute their solid waste to these two rivers

(Figure 5-2). The ward wise population and estimated solid waste generation in the municipal wards that fall en route of the above-mentioned rivers are furnished in Table-2. Wards fall en route to the Bharalu-Bahini River stretch are shown in Figure 5-3.

Table-2: Ward Wise Population and Quantity of Solid Waste Generation

Sl.	Ward Number	Population (2013) <sub>1</sub>	Quantity of Waste Generation (MT) <sub>2</sub>
1	8	1025	0.64
2	9	7298	4.52
3	10	12357	7.66
4	11	12357	7.66
5	18	7420	4.60
6	20	11884	7.37
7	22	15766	9.77
8	23	11055	6.85
9	25	18451	11.44
10	59	18641	11.56
11	60	20482	12.70
<b>Total</b>			<b>84.77</b>

Note: 1- Projected population based on 2011 provisional census population

2-Considering per capita solid waste generation @0.62 kg/day

From Table 5.2, it reveals that about 85 MT of solid waste is generated from the wards is dumped into the Bharalu-Bahini Rivers and their banks.





Figure 5-2 Indiscriminate dumping of solid waste along Bharalu (photo: LBG-DHI Nov 2013)

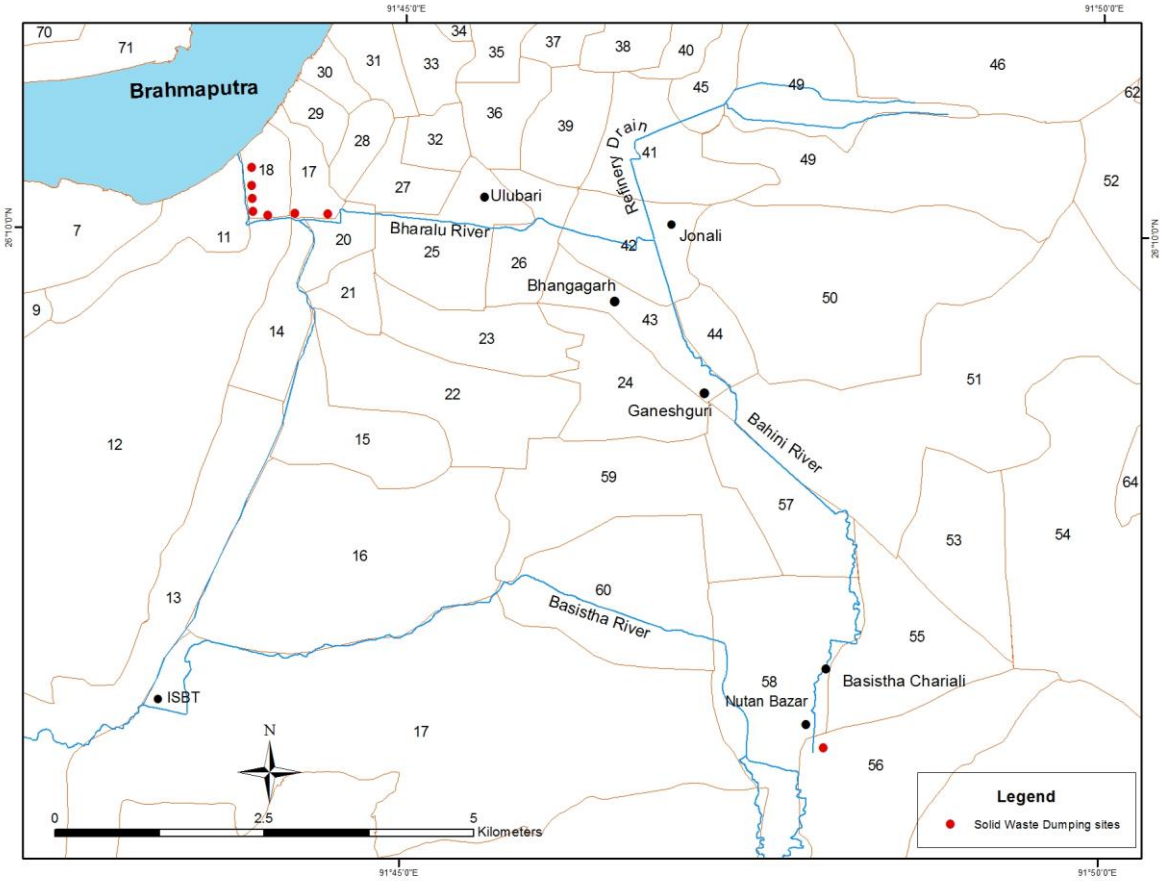


Figure 5-3 Wards linked to solid waste dumping into Bahini-Bharalu rivers

The composition and characteristics of municipal solid wastes vary throughout the world. Even in the same country it changes from place to place as it depends on number of factors such as social customs, standard of living, geographical location, climate etc. MSW is heterogeneous in nature and consists of a number of different materials derived from various types of activities.

An analysis of the composition, characteristics and quantities of solid wastes is essential for the following reasons:

- It provides the basic data on which the management system is planned, designed and operated.
- The changes/trend in composition and quantity of waste over a period are known which help in future planning.
- It provides the information for the selection of equipment and appropriate technology.
- It indicates the amount and type of material suitable for processing, recovery and recycling.
- The forecast trends assist designers and manufacturers in the production of vehicles and equipment suitable for future needs.

The average physical and chemical composition and characteristics of solid waste generated from residential, commercial, and vegetable market area of Guwahati city is presented in Table 5.3.

**Table 5.3: Physical and Chemical Composition and Characteristics of Solid Waste in Guwahati City**

Characteristics	Percentage Composition
<b>Physical</b>	
<b>Paper and Plastic</b>	17.44
<b>Food/vegetable/Fruit</b>	37.42
<b>Textile</b>	4.94
<b>Glass</b>	4.14
<b>Leather</b>	1.97
<b>Rubber</b>	0.45
<b>Metals</b>	16.41
<b>Lawn/tree leaves</b>	5.25
<b>Wood scraps</b>	2.45
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	9.53
<b>Chemical</b>	
<b>Moisture Content</b>	64.83±6.05
<b>Volatile Matter</b>	51.31±10.84

<b>Fixed Carbon</b>	3.61±3.01
<b>Calorific Value (Kcal/Kg)</b>	2531.7±553.4

(Source: Interim Project Report-Quantity and Characteristics Analysis of Solid Waste Generated from Guwahati)

From Table 5.3, it reveals that the MSW of Guwahati city constitutes about 45-50% of biodegradable waste that mainly includes the organic wastes such as food, vegetable, fruit, garden and wood scraps. Recyclable waste comprising of paper, plastic, textile, glass, leather, rubber and metals contributes about 45% and the remaining is the non-biodegradable waste, which mainly consists of inert materials.

### 5.2.2 Industrial waste

Guwahati is one of the major industrial centres of Assam and the North Eastern Region. The major types of industries in Guwahati include Chemicals and Fertilizers, Engineering Industries, Petroleum and Refineries, and Agro Based Industries.

Management of Industrial Solid Waste (ISW) is not the responsibility of the Guwahati Municipal Corporation. Industries generating solid should manage such waste by themselves and are required to seek authorizations from the Pollution Control Board (PCB), Assam under relevant rules. However, through joint efforts of the PCB, Assam, GMC and the industries, a mechanism could be evolved for better management.

Although the industrial waste is not included in the MSW stream, there are very few industries in the city, which are contributing to the total MSW in the city. Bigger units like the IOC, Guwahati Refinery and others have their own treatment system. Only the treated and the non-industrial waste come into the main municipal solid waste stream of the city.

### 5.2.3 Biomedical waste

Medical care is vital for our life, health and well-being. However, the waste generated from medical activities can be hazardous, toxic and even lethal because of their high potential for diseases transmission. The hazardous and toxic parts of waste from health care establishments comprising infectious, bio-medical and radio-active material as well as sharps (hypodermic needles, knives, scalpels etc.) constitute a grave risk, if these are not properly treated/disposed or are allowed to get mixed with other municipal waste. Its propensity to encourage growth of various pathogen and vectors and its ability to contaminate other non-hazardous/non-toxic municipal waste jeopardises the efforts undertaken for overall municipal waste management. The rag pickers and waste workers are often worst affected, because unknowingly or unwittingly, they rummage through all kinds of poisonous material while trying to salvage items which they can sell for reuse. At the same time, this kind of illegal and unethical reuse can be extremely dangerous and even fatal.

The rules framed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Govt. of India, known as 'Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998,' notified on 20th July 1998, provides uniform guidelines and code of practice for the whole nation. It is clearly mentioned in this rule that the 'occupier' (a person who has control over the concerned institution / premises) of an institution generating bio-medical waste (e.g., hospital, nursing home, clinic, dispensary, veterinary institution, animal house, pathological laboratory, blood bank etc.) shall be responsible for taking necessary steps to ensure that such waste is handled without any adverse effect to human health and the environment.

A number of hospitals and medical establishments including Down Town Hospital and Good Health Institute of Neurological Science are situated close to the Bharalu River stretch. Despite

the above-referred regulation, the biomedical waste finds its way in to the MSW stream to some extent in Guwahati.

## 5.2.4 Solid waste segregation, collection and storage

### 5.2.4.1 Segregation

Segregation of waste at source is mostly absent except segregation of some recyclable items such as newspapers, bottles, metals etc. at the household level. The un-organized rag pickers at the secondary and intermediate storage points and at the waste disposal sites mainly carry out segregation of the recyclable items.

The rag pickers mainly collect the recyclable items of the MSW. The rag pickers play a prominent role in the SWM system. They contribute to the segregation and sorting of the recyclables in the MSW. Their role begins right at the generation sources including residences, offices, shops, markets and others from where they collect paper, plastic bottles, buckets, metals and other recyclable items and sell them for reuse. They also pick up recyclables from the secondary collection points, roadsides, open sites and the land fill site (Figure 5.4). This unorganized sector affects the final quantity of the waste reaching the landfill site significantly. Generally, these rag pickers are strewn over in busy places like Fancy Bazar, Paltan Bazar, Pan Bazar, Ganeshguri, Chandmari, Maligaon and others. They collect the recyclable waste and sell it to contractors who again sell in whole sale markets for recycle waste processing. Some of the selling points are at Lakhotia (under the over bridge), Beltola Charali, Khanapara, Lakhotai, Fatasil, Dhirenpara and Chatribari.



Figure 5-4 Rag Pickers segregating the solid waste

### 5.2.4.2 Collection

Primary collection of municipal solid waste is absent in many parts of the Guwahati city. According to the information provided by the GMC, about 55% of the city population is covered by primary collection system. Guwahati Waste Management Company Limited (GWMCL) has outsourced the primary door-to-door waste collection to 26 number of NGOs. GWMCL has recently deployed about 295 containerised tri-cycles for door-to-door waste collection of the city. Apart from this, in some of the housing societies, door to door collection system exists mainly through private initiatives of the Resident Welfare Associations. For example, few of the colonies where such an initiative is being taken are Rehawari, Uzan Bazaar, Chandmari, Silpukhri and Pan Bazaar. In absence of inadequate coverage of primary collection, people Cusually throw their wastes in to the nearby roadside, open spaces, river and water bodies.

The MSW strewn around is mainly collected through street sweeping. The municipal sweeper collects the waste in heaps along the road sides and the cart man carries the waste to secondary collection points by means of hand cart. At present about 500 sweepers are involved for sweeping of the city roads. Existing primary collection of waste is done in alternate days.

As per the estimation provided in the Detailed Project Report on Integrated Solid Waste Management for the GMC area, 2006, there are 778 secondary waste storage points within the GMC area. Out of these 460 are open storage depots and remaining are the RCC/Masonry/Metallic containers. Based on the recommendations of the DPR, GWMCL has procured and deployed additional 398 secondary storage metallic containers (each having capacity of 3.5 m<sup>3</sup>) to the city. Out of 398 secondary storage containers, only 200 are existing at present. As per GMC, collection of waste from the secondary storage points is done on daily basis. In addition to the above mentioned containers, GWMCL has also procured 400 litter bins and placed them at different locations such as major temple premises, open spaces, parks, bus stations, market area and central city area.



Figure 5-5 Containerized Tricycle used for primary waste collection

### 5.2.4.3 Transfer and Transportation of Solid Waste

The vehicles that are primarily used for transportation of solid waste from the secondary storage points are dumper placer vehicles, tipper trucks, ordinary trucks and compactors. Most of the vehicles that transport solid waste are uncovered. The vehicles that are engaged for transfer and transportation of solid waste are provided in the Table 5.4.

Table 5.4: Vehicles and Equipment Engaged for Transportation of Solid Waste

Type of Vehicle	Quantity
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(Source: GMC)

GMC has

<b>Auto Tipper</b>	58
<b>Open Tipper</b>	22
<b>Dumper Placer</b>	18
<b>Compactor</b>	14
<b>Loader</b>	10
<b>Excavator</b>	2
<b>Dozer</b>	1

outsourced the solid waste transportation to private operators on Public Private Partnership (PPP). These private operators are responsible for collection of waste from the secondary collection points and dispose it off at the dumping sites. They have annual contracts with the GMC and are paid according to the quantity of waste cleared by them from the respective area assigned to them. The private operators maintain their own vehicles. GMC has its own workshop that is used for maintenance of all the vehicles owned by GMC.

Solid waste is mainly transferred from the secondary storage points to the solid waste transport vehicles manually. GWMCL has engaged two JCBs for mechanical loading of solid waste on to the solid waste transport vehicles. Generally, the sanitary workers who are involved in manual transfer of solid waste to the transport vehicles do not have any health protection such as uniform, gloves, boots, helmets, masks etc. and therefore, they are subject to health risk and occupational hazards. It is reported that there is no regular medical check-up facility to these workers. However, periodic medical check-up of the workers are done by the senior Medical Officer.

### 5.2.5 Solid waste processing and disposal

At present solid waste collected is disposed at Boragaon site by open dumping. M/s North East Green Tee, a private agency has taken a small-scale initiative by setting up a vermi-compost plant with a capacity of 50 MT/Month in the outskirts of the city at Panikheti. In order to improve the municipal solid waste management system of Guwahati city, GMC had entered into a Memorandum of Agreement dated 3rd August 2007 ("MOA") with IDCAL, to evaluate suitable waste management solution and to develop and bid out a project for enabling the collection, transportation, processing and disposal of MSW under PPP framework. Under the MoA, it is envisaged that a Special Purpose Company (SPV) shall be set up by IDCAL to develop the project and to obtain requisite clearances necessary for implementing an integrated waste management facility including an integrated waste processing facility at Boragaon in Guwahati. It is also envisaged under MoA that IDCAL shall select a suitable private Party through competitive bidding process that shall implement the Project after taking over entire equity shareholding in SPV, along with all the rights and responsibilities vested therein. Accordingly, a SPV with the name Guwahati Waste Management Company Private Limited (GWMCL) has been set up to develop the project and to obtain requisite clearances necessary for implementing an integrated waste management facility including an integrated waste processing facility at Boragaon in Guwahati.

The scope of the Project includes the following:

- Primary and Secondary Collection
- Transportation to processing site

- Deployment of Transport and Processing equipment and machineries.
- Processing and Disposal of MSW
- Collection and Proper Utilization of Recyclables.
- Landfilling for Inert materials

Accordingly, GWMCL has set up a 50 TPD capacity compost plant at West Boragaon, Guwahati (Reference Figure-8) under the “Guwahati Integrated Municipal Waste Management Project”. GMC has obtained a grant of Rs. 3634.47 Lakhs for the project under “Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM)” by the Ministry of Urban Development, Govt of India for improvement of solid waste management of Guwahati city. The compost plant is using the windrow method of composting for processing of biodegradable waste and is fully operational. The plant has the infrastructure facilities such as Weigh Bridge, administrative building, car parking yard and workshop. In addition, about 2500 samplings have been planted within the premises of the plant for development of green belt.

### 5.2.6 Organization and Staffing of GMC

The Guwahati Municipal Corporation is the creation of the Guwahati Municipal Corporation Act, 1971. The Corporation was duly constituted in 1974 in the first meeting of the elected councilors as per provision of Sec. 45 of this Act. The Corporation has the following major branches:

- Engineering & Conservancy
- Water Works Tax Division
- Public Works
- Building Permission
- Street light and Electrical Section
- Municipal Markets
- Sanitation & Health
- Veterinary
- Enforcement
- Property Tax
- Mutation Branch
- Trade License
- Advertisement
- Slow Moving Vehicle Branch
- Dead body and Night Soil Removal Branch
- Poverty Alleviation
- Birth and Death Registration
- Garage Branch
- Accounts Branch

The Corporation is headed by a Council of 71 elected Ward Councilors. The Council is headed by a Mayor and then a Deputy Mayor. There are five standing committees of the council to supervise various works. The Commissioner is the executive head of the corporation. He is assisted by Additional and Joint Commissioners. The Engineering Department of GMC is responsible for collection and transportation of Solid Waste generated in the GMC Area. The Engineering Department of Guwahati Municipal Corporation has at total employee strength of 2800 out of which 997 are working on solid waste management. The Chief Engineer is assisted by six Executive Engineers each in charge of one division. Details of GMC staff of Engineering and Conservancy Department and their duties are furnished in Table 5.5.

Table 5.5: Details of GMC Staff of Engineering & Conservancy Department and their Duties

Designation	Number of posts	Duties
Chief Engineer	1	Responsible for management of all engineering & sanitation works.
Superintending Engineer	1	Overall engineering and sanitary operations
Executive Engineer	6	Construction & maintenance of roads, drains, municipal buildings and SWM operations
Zonal Engineers	23	Supervision of the construction works, street sweeping, collection, transportation and disposal of wastes
Supervisors	180	Supervision & monitoring of SWM operations
Workers	500	Street sweeping, nalla cleaning, assisting loading unloading operation
Drain Cleaners	270	Cleaning of drains
Drivers	16	Operation of collection drain cleaning vehicles & equipment

(Source: Detailed Project Report for Integrated Solid Waste Management System for Guwahati & GMC)

### 5.2.7 Major Gaps in the SWM System

Major gaps in the ongoing MSW management system can broadly be categorized into the following three aspects:

- Legislative Gap
- Service Delivery Gaps
- Public Awareness Gaps

**Legislative Gaps:** The overarching framework for management of MSW in the urban areas was developed by the Ministry of Environment & Forest in 2000 with the enactment of MSW (Management & Handling ) Rules, 2000 under the Environment Protection Act, 1986 that entrusted the ULBs with the responsibility of managing MSW. Box 1.0 summarizes the salient features of the MSW Rules. These Rules along with other legislations pertaining to plastic, biomedical, hazardous and other wastes, aimed at instilling safe and environmentally sound waste management practices.



**Service Delivery Gaps:** Following are the main service delivery gaps.

- No primary collection of waste in more than 45% areas under the jurisdiction of GMC
- Collection of solid waste is irregular and not on daily basis
- Limited segregation of waste at source within the GMC area
- Inadequate secondary storage facilities
- Inadequate solid waste transportation system
- No safe disposal of waste (e.g. no sanitary landfills)
- Poor Health and Hygiene conditions of Sanitary Workers
- Limited Community Participation

**Public Awareness Gaps:** The human resource element is pivotal in ensuring the success of any component of the solid waste management system. Waste generators need to be aware of their roles in eliminating indiscriminate dumping. The collectors must know the routes to be serviced and be familiar with the proper operation and maintenance of vehicles. The administrators must be clear on the integration of all the components of the system. Solid Waste Management (SWM) is one such activity, where public participation is a key to success. The local body (City corporation/municipality) can never be successful in Solid Waste Management without active community participation, whatever may be the investments made from the municipal or Government funds. Community will not be willing to participate unless they are aware of the negative impact of the solid waste mismanagement on their health, hygiene, and environment. It is therefore essential to encourage public awareness for successful implementation of any solid waste management plan. Gaps with respect to public awareness as envisaged in the GMC area are as follows:

- Limited and piecemeal initiatives of GMC for building public awareness and community mobilisation
- No long term planning for public awareness campaign program covering the entire GMC area.

Below are the salient features of MSW Management & Handling Rules, 2000

- Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) includes commercial and residential wastes generated in municipal or notified areas in either solid or semi-solid form **excluding industrial hazardous** wastes but including treated bio-medical wastes.
- **Prohibition** on littering of MSW in cities, towns, notified urban areas.
- Bio-Medical and industrial waste **not to be mixed** with MSW.
- **Responsibility** of waste generators to avoid littering and ensure delivery of waste in accordance with the collection and segregation notified by municipal authorities.
- Municipal Corporations shall undertake **awareness campaigns** for source segregation of MSW.
- **Prohibition** of manual handling of wastes.
- The storage facilities set up by municipal authorities shall be **daily** attended for cleaning of wastes.
- Municipal authorities shall adopt **suitable technology** or combination of such technologies to make use of wastes so as to minimise burden on landfill. (Composting, incineration, etc.)
- Land filling shall be **restricted** to non-biodegradable, inert waste and other waste that are not suitable either for recycling or for biological processing.

- The municipal authority shall undertake phased programme to ensure **community participation** in waste segregation.

### 5.2.8 Identified Key Issues

After analysing the present situation with respect to the overall MSW management of the Guwahati city following are the key issues identified:

- It is mandatory for all urban local bodies in India to comply the MSW (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000 of Government of India. However, Guwahati is well behind in regards to the compliance of this mandate primarily with regards to the MSW operational management aspect.
- A part of the uncollected solid waste are disposed into the water bodies of the city including the Bharalu River. This results in accumulation of solid waste and deposition of silt within the River along its entire stretch. This in turn reduces the water carrying capacity of the River besides polluting it and acting as a breeding ground of mosquitoes and other disease causing elements.
- Dumping of solid wastes in the open and leaving it for a longer period causes generation of leachates from such waste. There is a high probability of contamination of ground water resource of the Bharalu basin and also deterioration of the river water quality due to seepage of such leachate.
- Major part of the Bharalu River stretch which is passing through the densely populated and developed areas are unprotected with respect to having side walls and top cover except a very small portions where there are side walls. It is a common tendency of the residents and other establishments located adjoining the river to throw their garbage into the river particularly in the unprotected stretches.
- Although there exists a number of containers and vats along the Bharalu River route but these are not properly designed and are widely spaced. Most of these waste storage facilities are either having under or over capacities and some of these are uncovered. As a result, wastes from these containers/vats either are overflowed or provide easy access to the stray animals. A part of such waste therefore finds its way to the River.

## 5.3 Proposed Schemes

Based on analysis of the existing solid waste management scenario for the Guwahati city as a whole and Bharalu-Bahini River in particular, it reveals that the rivers are mostly unprotected from pollution due to solid waste load in to the river. It is therefore, envisaged that a set of measures is necessary to protect the river from solid waste pollution and improve its environmental condition. In view of this, the following schemes are proposed for the solid waste sector:

- Providing screens at the outfall points of the secondary drains that meet the river
- Providing storage containers at the existing secondary solid waste collection points along the entire river stretch
- Procurement of vehicles for transporting solid waste
- Conduct public awareness programs

**Providing screens at the outfall points of the secondary drains that meet the river:** It is observed that about 13 numbers of secondary drains are joining the Bharalu river stretch only. These drains are flowing through different areas of the city and are carrying a substantial quantity of solid waste. A part of the solid waste carried by these secondary drains is finally

disposed in to the Bharalu River. Details of the major secondary drains those outfalls at Bharalu River are provided in Table 5.6.

Table 5.6: Major Secondary Drains Outfall at Bharalu River

Name of Drain	Route	Approx. Length (m)
<b>Lachit Nagar Area Storm Drain</b>	Lachit Nagar Road to Bharalu River Channel via B.T. College Road	1000
<b>R.G. Baruah Road Drain</b>	From Zoo Narengi Tiniali to Bharalu River	1000
<b>Chandmari - Bharalu Secondary drain</b>	Chandmari area, Bhaskar Nagar, Rajgarh, Nabin Nagar, part from Pub-Sarania and Anil Nagar	4954
<b>Underground drain along the boundary of Nabin Nagar and Anil Nagar to Bharalu</b>	Via Anil Nagar	1400
<b>Kumarpara Mashkhowa Area Storm Water Drain</b>	From Athgaon ROB to Bharalu Drainage Channel, T.R. Phukan Road through Mashkhowa Sanskritik Prakalpa to Bharalu River.	2995

The purpose of providing screens at the outfall points of these secondary drains is to trap the solid waste carried by these secondary drains before its entry in to the rivers so that the solid waste pollution load to these rivers is further reduced. It is therefore, proposed to provide manual screens at each of such secondary drainage outfall points. The screens shall be manually operated and should be cleaned regularly so that the normal flow in the secondary drains is maintained. Total number of such screens proposed is 20.

**Providing storage containers at the existing secondary solid waste collection points along the entire river stretch:** At present the secondary solid waste storage facility along the Bharalu and Bahini River banks are inadequate. Figure 5-2 depicts the locations of the existing solid waste secondary storage containers (8 numbers) along the river stretches. In absence of adequate secondary storage facilities, people residing in the vicinity, dump their wastes on the side of the roads adjacent either to the rivers or dispose it directly in to the rivers.

Similarly, solid waste generated by the shops, markets and other commercial and institutional establishments situated adjacent to the rivers is also disposed on the side of the roads or in to the rivers. Providing additional secondary storage facility at suitable locations along the river stretch and improvement of primary collection system in these areas on priority basis may lessen this problem. Accordingly, 92 numbers of additional metallic dumper placer containers each with 3.5 m<sup>3</sup> storage capacity (Figure 5-6) is being proposed to minimize the secondary solid waste storage gap along the Bharalu and Bahini River stretch. The number of additional metallic dumper placer containers is estimated with the following considerations:

- Entire MSW generated in the eleven wards through which the Bharalu-Bahini River is passing will be covered.
- Average spacing between the secondary storage containers will be 300 m.
- Life of the containers is 3 years.

- d. Proposed number of containers includes onetime replacement of all the proposed containers.
- e. Average density of solid waste is 450 Kg/M<sup>3</sup> (Reference “Detailed Project Report for Integrated Solid Waste Management System for Guwahati”, 2006)



Figure 5-6 A typical dumper placer container proposed to be placed along the banks of Bharalu

**Procurement of vehicles for transporting solid waste:** Transportation of waste collected in the above mentioned secondary storage facility to the solid waste processing and disposal sites will require adequate number of solid waste transportation vehicles. Considering the number of additional dumper placer containers proposed for secondary storage of solid waste, 10 number of Twin Dumper Placer Vehicle (Figure 5-7) is proposed. The proposed solid waste storage and transportation assets will be handed over to the GMC for operation and maintenance so that it can be integrated with the overall Guwahati City municipal solid waste management system. Estimation of the proposed dumper placer vehicles is made based on the following considerations:

- a. Each dumper place vehicle is capable of carrying two 3.5 m<sup>3</sup> capacity containers in each trip.
- b. Two dumper placer vehicles (20%) will be on standby to supplement, in case of repair/servicing of the regular vehicles and for emergency deployment required for handling extra waste.
- c. Each dumper place vehicle will make three trips a day for transporting the waste to the designated waste disposal site at Boragaon.



Figure 5-7 Proposed Dumpers for transporting solid waste

**Conduct public awareness programs:** The main objectives of conducting public awareness programs is to educate public about the effects of solid waste on the health, hygiene & environment and to encourage them in participating solid waste management activities in order to safeguard the Bharalu River and its surroundings from solid waste pollution.

The education plan must begin by introducing people to waste management needs and concepts, explaining clearly how to participate, and then effectively encouraging them to adopt the desired waste management behaviour. Once people are participating in the programme, incentives and reinforcements can be used to maintain and increase participation rates. Developing an effective education programme requires planning and research. Different strategies will need to be used for different groups, such as homeowners, apartment dwellers, business people, slum dwellers, market committees, and school children. However, it must be noted that awareness campaigns on SWM are effective when they are coordinated with Municipal actions.

Prior to implementing Public Awareness Strategies the following base works are proposed to be adopted by the PMU before implementation of full-fledged public awareness programmes.

- **Identification of Groups of People to be addressed**
  - Residential Areas: Community may be classified into three categories
    - High Income Group - the affording
    - Middle Income Group - educated, sensitive, less affording
    - Low Income Group – un-affording
  - Markets /Commercial Area s/ Offices/ Banks etc.: These places may be classified into three broad categories
    - Vegetable Markets
    - Shopping areas
    - Offices/Institutional areas
- **Identification of the Issues in Solid Waste Management for Which Community awareness is Essential**

The Solid Waste Management involves several stages of activities where people's participation is critically required in some of them and the PMU has to do the rest of the work. It has been envisaged that people's participation is essential in the following issues and public awareness programme must include them with greater emphasis.

- Reduce, Reuse & Recycling (R R R) of waste
- Storage of organic/bio-degradable and recyclable waste separately at source
- Not to throw the waste/litter on the streets/roads, drains, open spaces, water bodies, etc.
- Responding adequately during primary collection of waste
- Community storage/collection of waste in flats, multi-storied buildings, societies, commercial complexes, etc.
- Pay adequately for the services provided.
- Door to door collection system is proposed for primary collection system. Hence, it is very important to apprise the community of the system's merits and demerits.

The actual public awareness program should be conducted in the three modes. In the first Mode, the implementers (PMU) will provide information and directives to the citizens; in Mode II, people will directly interact with the implementers at spot and in the third one people will convey their opinion and information to the PMU to have feedback and action from PMU.

## 5.4 Cost Estimate

The capital cost of the proposed components of solid waste management sector has been estimated based on the SoR, prevalent market rates and consultants experience in other projects. Component wise details of capital cost and O&M cost estimates furnished in Table 5.7.

Table 5.7: Cost for Solid Waste Management

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Providing screens at the outfalls of secondary drains	200	sq.m	5130	10,26,000
2	Providing storage containers at the existing secondary solid waste collection points along the river stretch	92	No	75000	69,00,000
3	Procurement of vehicles for transporting solid waste	10	No	1800000	1,80,00,000
4	Subtotal				2,59,26,000
5	Contingencies			5%	12,96,300
6	O&M cost for 3 years	1	LS		4,25,53,350
7	Grand TOTAL				<b>6,97,75,650</b>

### Operation & maintenance (annual)

1	Maintenance of screens @ 5%	200	sq.m.	256.5	51,300
2	Maintenance / replacement of containers @ 5%	92	no	3750	3,45,000
3	O&M of vehicles fuel (considering 3 trips per day 50km each trip)	90000	lit	60	54,00,000
	SW Collection & segregation	12	mon	50000	6,00,000
4	Repair & maintenace of vehicles (5%)	10	no	90000	9,00,000
5	Drivers 10	120	mon	8000	9,60,000
6	Helpers 20	240	mon	5000	12,00,000
7	Total for 1 year				94,56,300
8	Total for 3 years including escalation.				4,25,53,350.00
	After the project, GMC will take over the responsibility of MSW management				

### Recovery of O & M Cost

A part of the total O & M cost can be recovered by providing rights of using space of the proposed sidewalks for commercial advertisements in the form of banners/ hoardings etc.

## 5.5 Implementation Plan

As a part of the project implementation plan, a Project Management Unit (PMU) will be formed. The PMU will have representatives from the key stakeholders such as the Pollution Control Board, Assam (PCBA) and the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC). The PMU will be overall responsible for the management and implementation of the project including procurement and construction activities during the entire tenure of the project. Implementation of all the proposed solid waste management components will be carried out in the first five years of the project period. The solid waste transportation service will be outsourced to a private agency on PPP mode. All the solid waste management assets created in the project such as secondary solid waste storage containers, transport vehicles etc. will be handed over to the GMC after implementation of the project.

## 6 River Environment Improvement

### 6.1 Need of an improved river environment

While the highest priority in conserving a river is accorded to stopping all forms of pollution from affecting the river including sewage, industrial effluent, debris and garbage, improving the physical environment of the river and its surrounding is required to connect the river to people. Therefore, a holistic approach in restoring the river environment is adopted in a restoration plan centred on the river is successful. Any river that is clean and flows perennially, is an asset to the city. In the meantime, there have to be facilities build and maintain for people to utilise the river environment. There is a saying that “**a river must have banks.**” Without its banks, the river is a drain. There can be no compromise on this count and all encroachments up to a certain width on either side of the banks must be cleared making it a zone of zero tolerance. The width may be slightly reduced in the urban reaches of the river.

#### 6.1.1 Maintaining biodiversity

In order to main the biodiversity of the river environment, there should be green areas along both banks. Vitiver grass, native to India should be planted all along the river course and especially near the water's edge. It is excellent at erosion control which will help in stabilizing the banks reducing sedimentation. The much polluted banks of the river will greatly benefit from the Vitiver's ability to remove oils, fuels and heavy metals accumulated over the years in the soil by a process known as Phytoremediation. This “Zone of Zero Tolerance” is meant to be a no development zone which would partially or fully cover a flood plain for a once in 25 years rainfall event and also overlap with the minimum distance from the water level. However, certain activities can be permitted, including - agricultural uses such as outdoor plants, nurseries and horticulture and recreational uses such as jogging tracks, wildlife and nature preserves, fishing areas.

#### 6.1.2 For the people

The River Corridor Parks and walkways will attract several citizens and tourists each day. The central idea of the corridor is a place that embraces people from all walks of life and makes them feel special. Water fountains and public toilets (clean and aesthetically designed) must be made available in adequate numbers. These must necessarily be designed to be gender friendly, senior citizen friendly, child friendly and disabled friendly. Similarly, waste management must be given very high priority during the planning process and adequate space and resources must be provided to encourage source segregation and recycling. Ignoring waste management will lead to uncontrolled littering as is typical of most public spaces in Indian cities. Aesthetically designed lighting, street furniture and rain shelters must also be planned at the outset. Transport linkages and public amenities should be planned keeping in mind that the park and walkways will also be heavily used in the late evenings. Local markets around the corridor must also be made accessible to users creating a unique shopping environment which is both safe and enjoyable and simultaneously improves the local economy. Safety and security of the users cannot be compromised at any stage. The corridor should be thoroughly patrolled by security guards at all times and be well connected to all police stations in the vicinity.

#### 6.1.3 Bridge to Beauty:

New, aesthetically pleasing bicycle-cum-pedestrian bridges should be constructed across the river at key locations. As presented in Annex-5: International and National best Practices,

significant investments are made (Example of Bridge across the Nervion River in Bilbao in northern Spain). Such audaciously designed bridges become iconic landmarks for the entire city.

## 6.2 River Front Development along Bharalu River

The success of the river restoration project is dependent upon the acceptance and ownership by the public. Currently the Bharalu River is not considered a resource to the citizens of Guwahati, but rather an eye sore. The Bharalu extends through the heart of the city and has the potential to be of considerable aesthetic and economic value to the community. By improving the water quality of the river, removing the solid waste, providing adequate resources and collection point for waste deposit, removing the legacy contamination within the river, and restoring flow, the Bharalu has the potential to attract both commercial and residential developments.

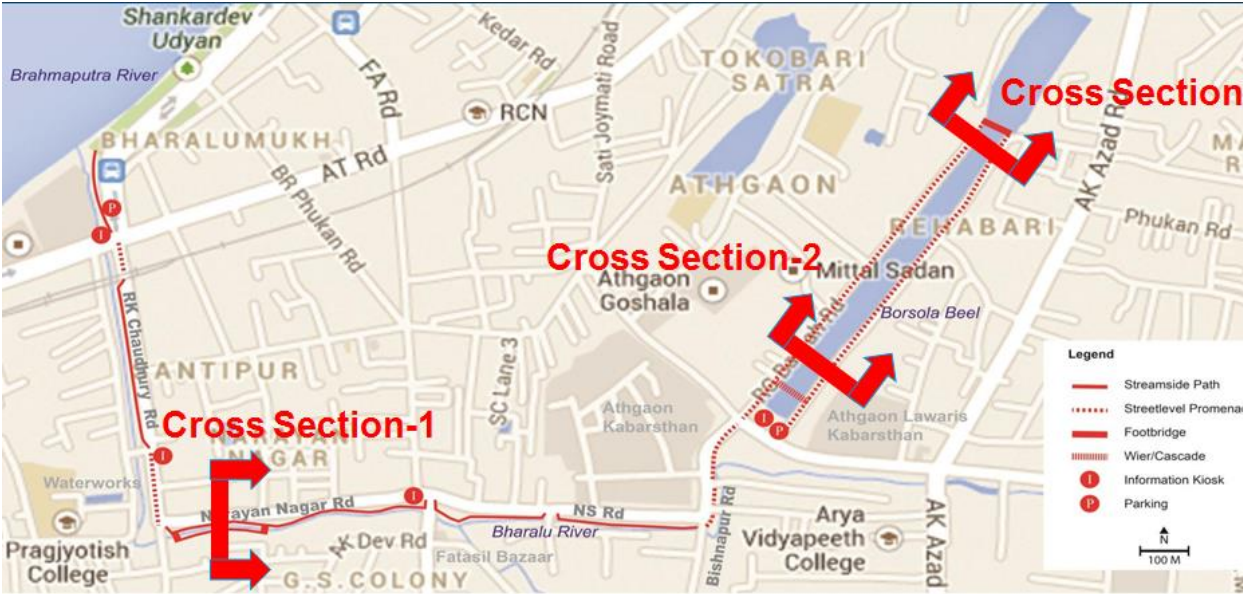
As part of the river restoration scheme, a river walkway has been proposed for the lower Bharalu River, extending from AT Road to the Borsola Beel (Figure 6-1). In addition, improvements to the beel in the form of water level regulation, aeration, and community access will provide a destination for the community in the immediate area.



Figure 6-1 Existing sidewalk on Narayan Nagar Road along Bharalu River

The main component of river front development is a walkway along both banks of Bharalu river at the lower reaches where there is no concrete walls. The total length in one side is about 3 km. Figure 6-2 shows the reach in which a walkway will be built.





### BHARALU RIVERWALK – Community Access Features

Figure 6-2 Bharalu river front development works

The river walkway improvements consist of a 3000 mm wide concrete walkway built along the edge of the river where a current sidewalk exists. This walkway would provide vistas of the river as well as access from homes and businesses located on the opposite side of the street. The total length of the riverfront walkway improvements from AT Road to Barsola Beel is approximately 3 km. The installation of the riverfront walkway would require the construction of a reinforced concrete retaining wall along the riverside of the walkway, precast concrete or cast-in-place sideways panels, and steel tubular decorative railing and lighting.

Figure 6-3 shows the plan and cross section of the walkway indicated as section 1 in Figure 6-2. Figure 6-4 shows a green park to be developed along the walkways.

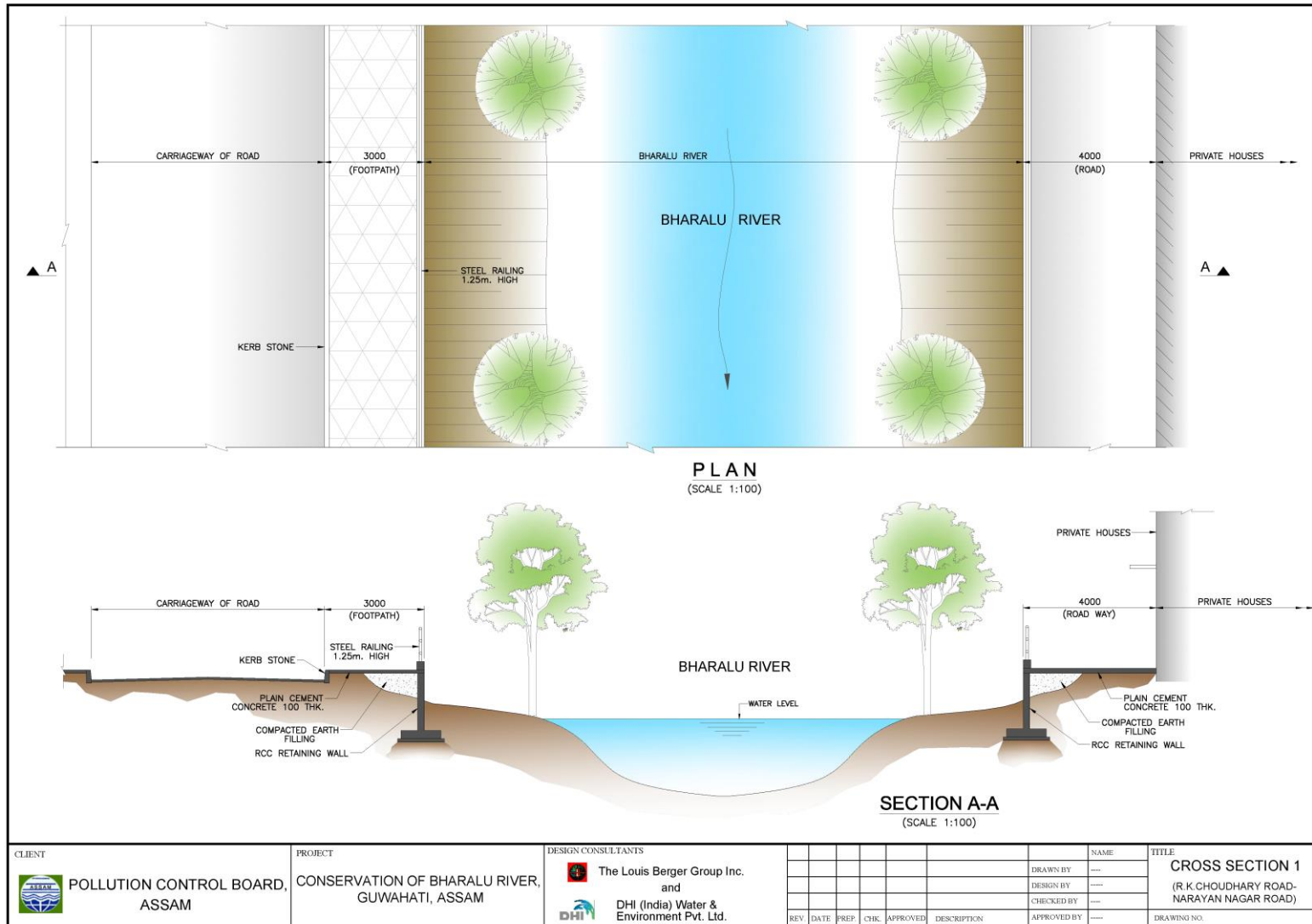


Figure 6-3 Cross Section of rive walkway

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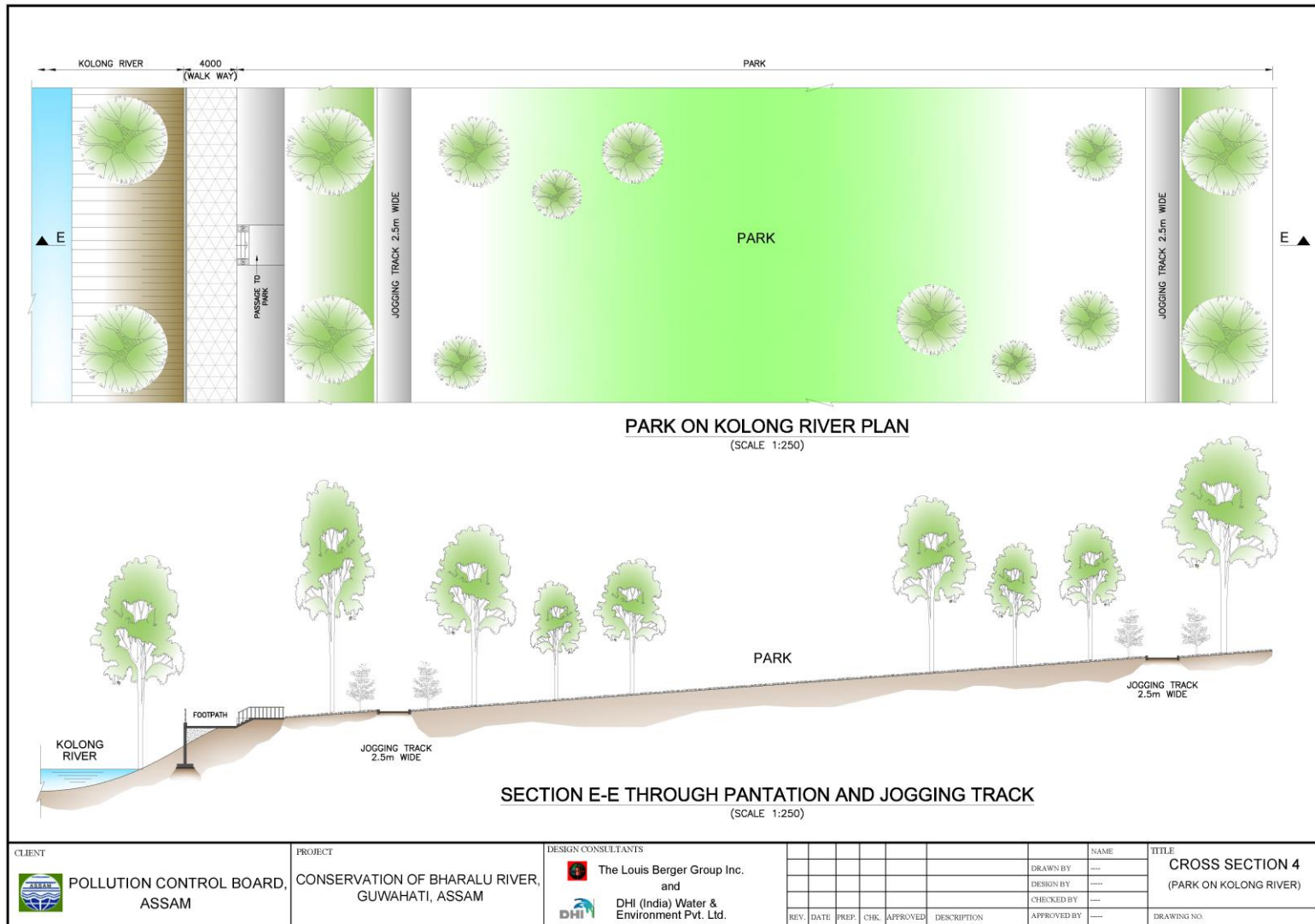


Figure 6-4 Park and jogging track

### 6.3 Borosola Beel Development

The riverfront walkway proposed for the Bharalu River would lead and tie into improvements proposed along Barsola Beel. Barsola Beel is a 53,600 sq.m. open water body which is presently choked with water hyacinth (Figure 6-5). Improvements proposed to Barsola Beel include dredging of accumulated sediments and organic materials to restore the original cross section and remove the water hyacinth, restoration of the perimeter walkway, construction of a new outlet spillway and gated control structure, a pedestrian bridge with resting huts, and installation of aerator/fountains throughout the water body to increase dissolved oxygen and reduce the potential for eutrophication.



Figure 6-5 Borosola Beel Full of Water Hyacinth

It is proposed to develop the Borosola beel to a water environment centre in Guwahai.

The components to be developed are:

- Repairing of the walkway all around the beel

- Providing water fountains in the beel to enhance environmental attraction as well as generate oxygen to water
- Develop the outlet structure as an attractive waterfall structure
- Development of the Borosola beel by dredging and landscaping
- Construct a pedestrian bridge across the beel as hangout for people

As a means of improving water quality within the Barsola Beel, installation of mechanical aerators is proposed which, using a combined system of low-energy aerators and diffusers, would improve water quality of the lake and arrest degradation caused by sewage draining into the lake. The aerators introduce atmospheric oxygen to dissolve in the water which assists in the reduction of algae, weeds, improves fish growth and health, and reduces odours.

Aeration of the lake can be accomplished by different methods including mixing by machines, water agitation or air injection (Figure 6-6). Aeration can be accomplished in the form of a fixed system with submerged diffusers at the bottom of the lake or can be mobile, traversing the lake area. For this project however, fixed systems are more suitable as mobile aeration requires expensive and continuous operation and maintenance, while fixed systems will provide continuous laminar inversion of water column and perpetual aeration with relatively lower costs and personnel requirement. Therefore fixed aerators-diffuser systems are proposed to be included to achieve this objective.



Figure 6-6 Barsola Beel Mechanical Aeration

Figure 6-7 shows a plan and section of Borosola beel development. Figure 6-8 shows the proposed foot bridge.

Figure 6-9 shows the outfall structure at the Borosola beel.

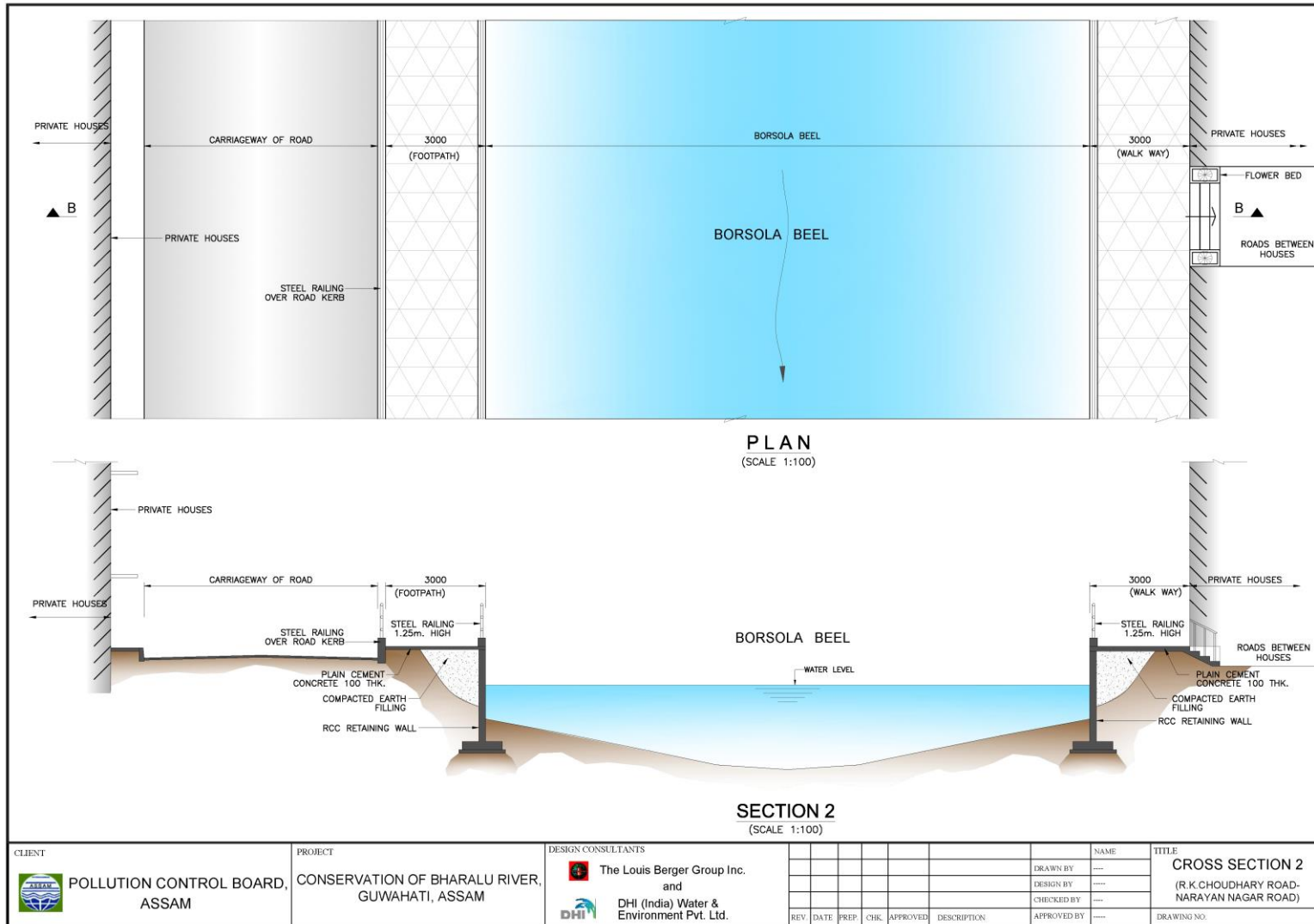


Figure 6-7 Plan section of Borosola beel development

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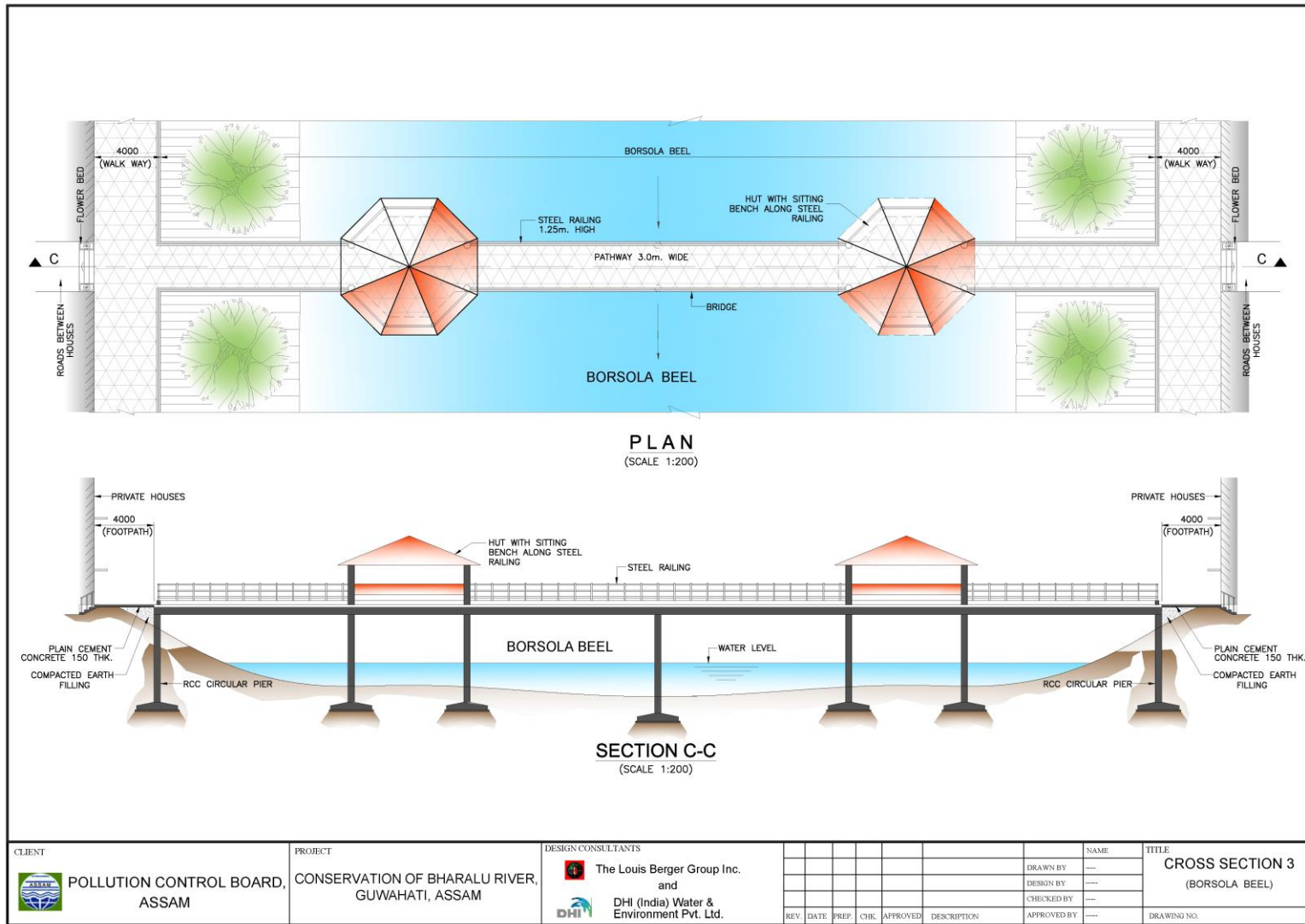


Figure 6-8 Section of the proposed foot bridge across Borosola Bridge

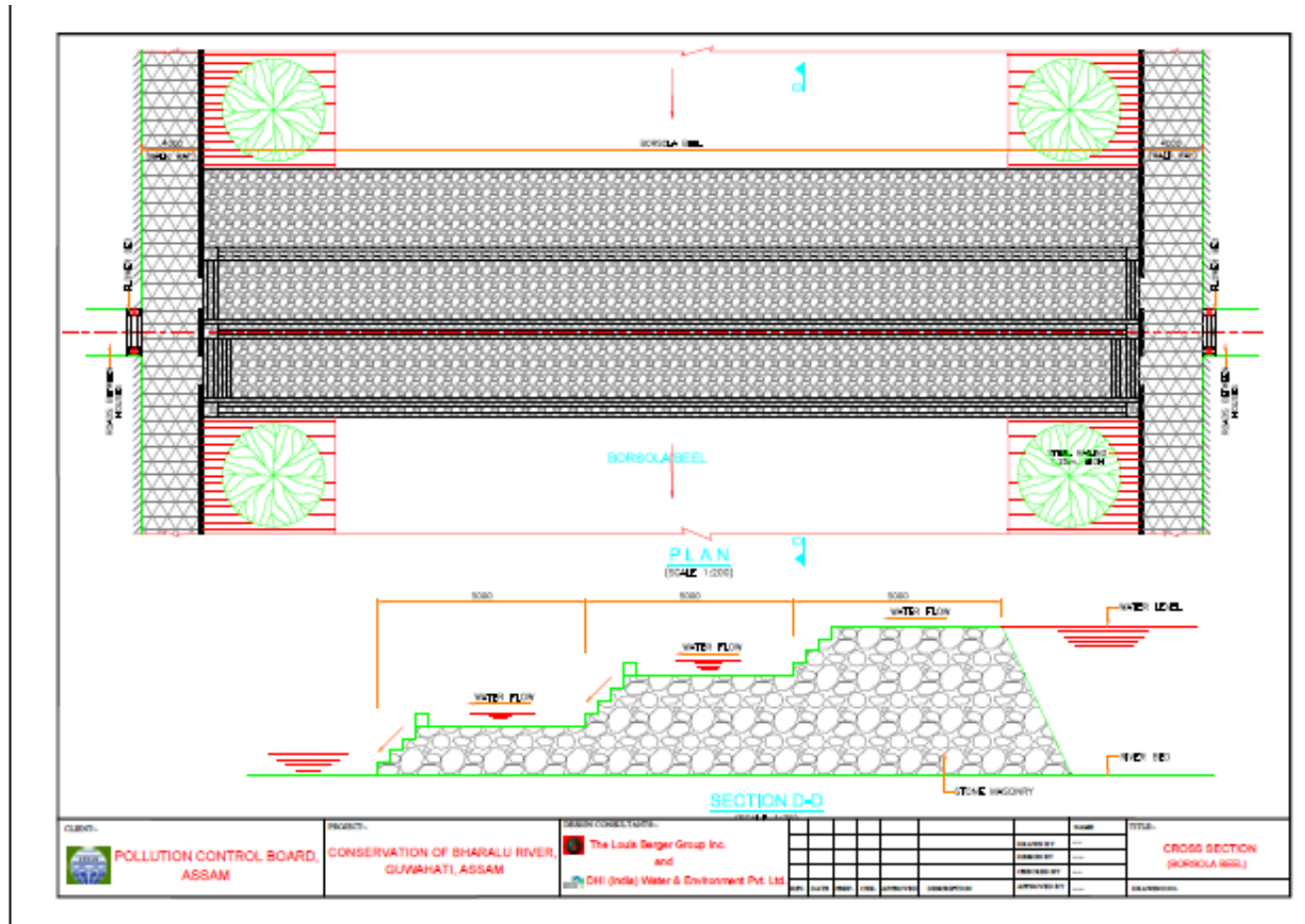


Figure 6-9 Outlet structure of Borosola beel development scheme



## 6.4 Cost Estimate

The estimates of costs the two components namely Bharalu river front development and Borosola beel development are given below:

### Cost estimate of Bharalu river front development works

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	3 km walkway on both sides		6 km	27500000	16,50,00,000
2	Lighting (Solar)		1 Lot	1000000	10,00,000
5	Subtotal				16,60,00,000
6	Contingencies			5%	83,00,000
7	O&M cost for 5 years @ 2% of capital cost per year adjusted to escalation factor				2,49,00,000
	Grand TOTAL				<b>19,92,00,000</b>

### Cost of Borosola beel development works

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Borosola beel walkway	1650	m	25000	4,12,50,000
2	Pedestrian bridge	1	No	29700000	2,97,00,000
3	Outlet spillway structure	1	No	20000000	2,00,00,000
4	Dredging & landscaping	1	LS	40000000	4,00,00,000
5	Water Fountains	4	Nos	1000000	40,00,000
6	Subtotal				13,49,50,000
7	Contingencies			5%	67,47,500
8	O&M @ 2 % of capital cost per year with escalation factor adjustment				2,02,42,500
9	Grand TOTAL				<b>16,19,40,000</b>







Figure 7-2 community toilets with hygiene messages

## 7.2 Community Kiosks

Community kiosks will consist of small houses along the river front. Their purpose is to let individual for small business activities, such as saloon, water, tea/cold drink, snacks, vending, selling pan, providing first aid treatment and emergency medicines. The individual may also have basic health checking facilities, such as blood sugar and blood pressure. This will enhance the use of river fronts. Currently, the conditions of such kiosks, as seen in Figure 7-3, is very unhygienic and unattractive.



Figure 7-3 A tea & snacks vendor over Bharalu under unhygienic conditions

The kiosks will have rainwater harvesting and solar lighting. Materials related to community awareness and education will also be available in the kiosks. Small reading facilities such as a 'chai library' will also be included. The rental fees charged on these kiosks will be utilised in hiring community security personnel for the benefit of the people.

### 7.3 Cost Estimate

Total estimated costs of community toilets is Rs. 12 lakhs and that of community kiosks is Rs. 6 lakhs.



## 8 Water Augmentation and Channel Improvement Schemes

### 8.1 River Network

Figure 8-1 shows the river network of the Bharalu River system with its catchment area. The origin of the Bharalu river is from the Meghayala hills, from where two tributaries namely Basistha and Bahini originate. The Basistha is 27 km long from the Basistha temple to its outfall into deepor Bill and the Bahini is 15.70 km long from its origin to the Jonali bridge in Guwahati city. From Jonali Bridge after it is joined by the Guwahati refinery drain, the Bharalu river is 7km long to its mouth (Bhalaumukh) at the Brahmaputra. The dead Bharalu River taking off upstream of the sluice gate at Shantipur is 6.50 km long to its meeting point with the Basistha near ISBT. Table 8.1 shows the lengths of the rivers. There is no proper record of flow measurement in these rivers. However, based on published literature the peak flow at Bharalumukh is about  $35\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ . Rainfall-runoff models developed during the present study have produced a peak flow of about  $35\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  and the low flow which is only the base flow before the river enters the urban catchment ranges from 0.10 to  $0.65\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ . After receiving the urban water the low flow at Bharalumukh is about  $2.50\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ .

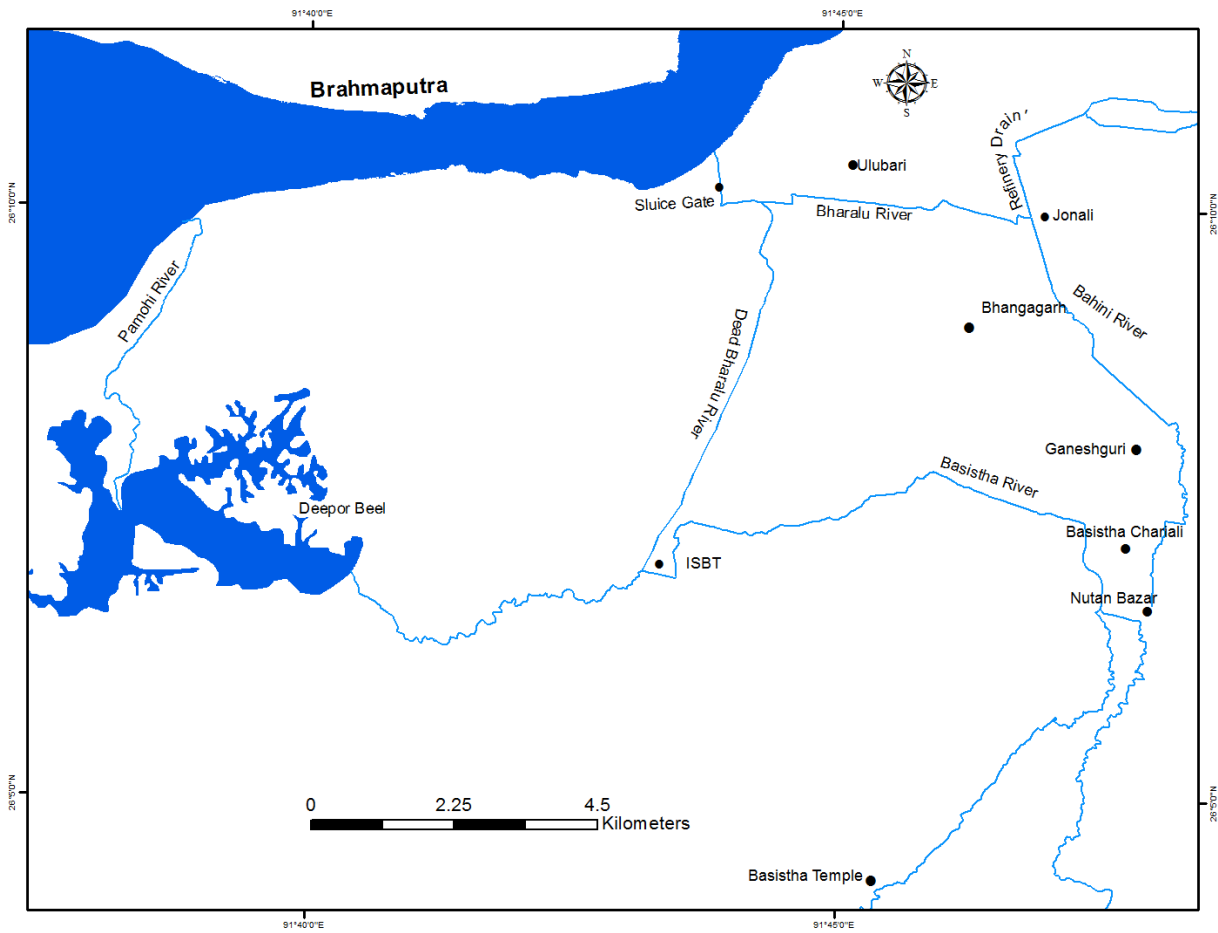


Figure 8-1 Bharalu River system network

Table 8.1 Lengths of rivers

River / tributary name	from	to	length (km)
Basistha	Basistha temple	Deepor Bill	27.00
Bahini	Meghalaya hills	Nautan bazaar (at closed sluice gate)	8.00
Bahini	Nautan bazaar (at closed sluice gate)	Jonali Bridge	8.70
Bharalu	Jonali bridge	Bharalu Mukh at Brahmaputra	7.00
Dead Bharalu	Bharalu Sluice gate (Shantipur)	Near ISBT (confluence of	6.50



		Basitha & dead Bharalu)	
Pamohi	Deepor Beel	Brahmaputra (near Garigaon)	7.00

## 8.2 Modelling

### 8.2.1 Rainfall-Runoff modelling

In order to simulate available runoff from rainfall over the catchment of the Bharalu river the entire catchment has been delineated as shown in Figure 8-2.

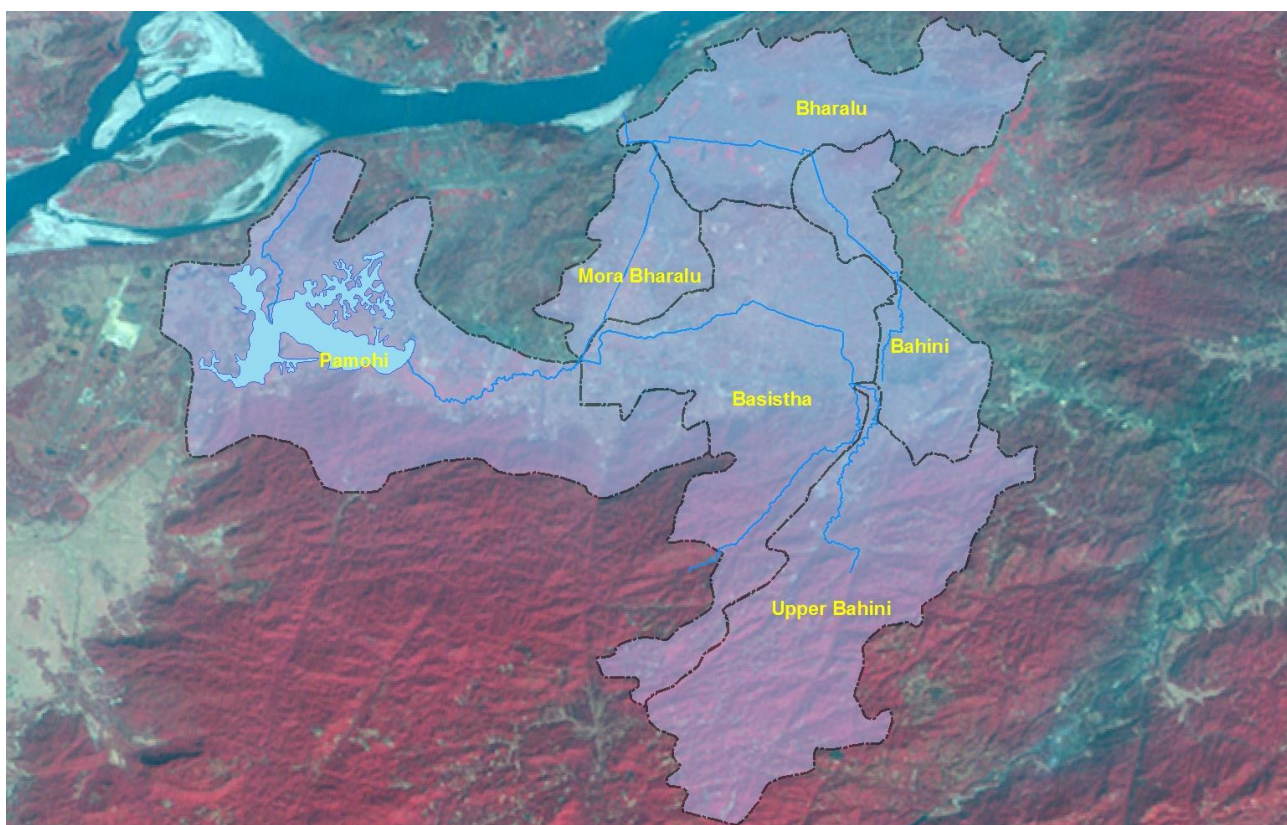


Figure 8-2 Catchment delineation for rainfall-runoff modelling

Using available historical daily rainfall data for 2006-2012 years the model simulation result is presented in Figures 8-3. at Nutan Bazaar. The simulated discharges are used as inflows to the hydrodynamic model.

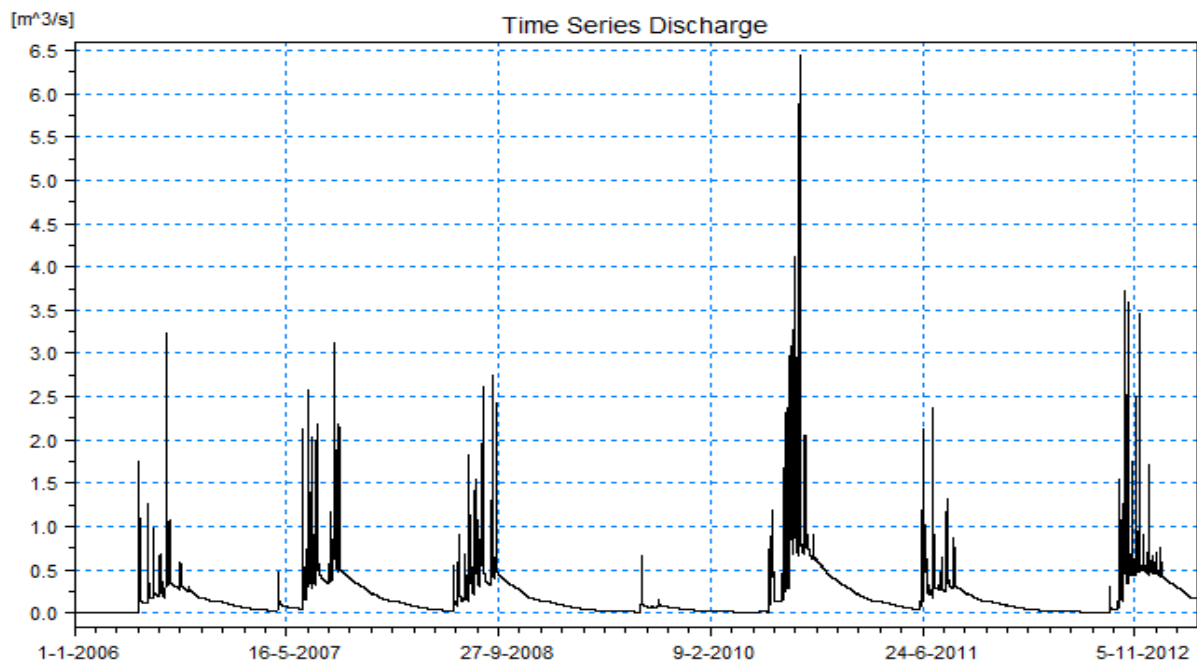


Figure 8-3 Simulated discharge of Basistha River at Nutan Bazaar

## 8.2.2 Hydrodynamic Modelling

The hydrodynamic model of the Bharalu river system is developed to simulate flow and water level along its length both during the rainy and dry season. River cross section and other data were obtained from WRD Guwahati. The model includes the length of Brahmaputra from Dibrugarh to Dhubri in order to avoid any influence of local boundary condition. This allows the simulation of backwater effects from Brahmaputra to the Bharalu system. Figure 8-4 shows schematized model network.

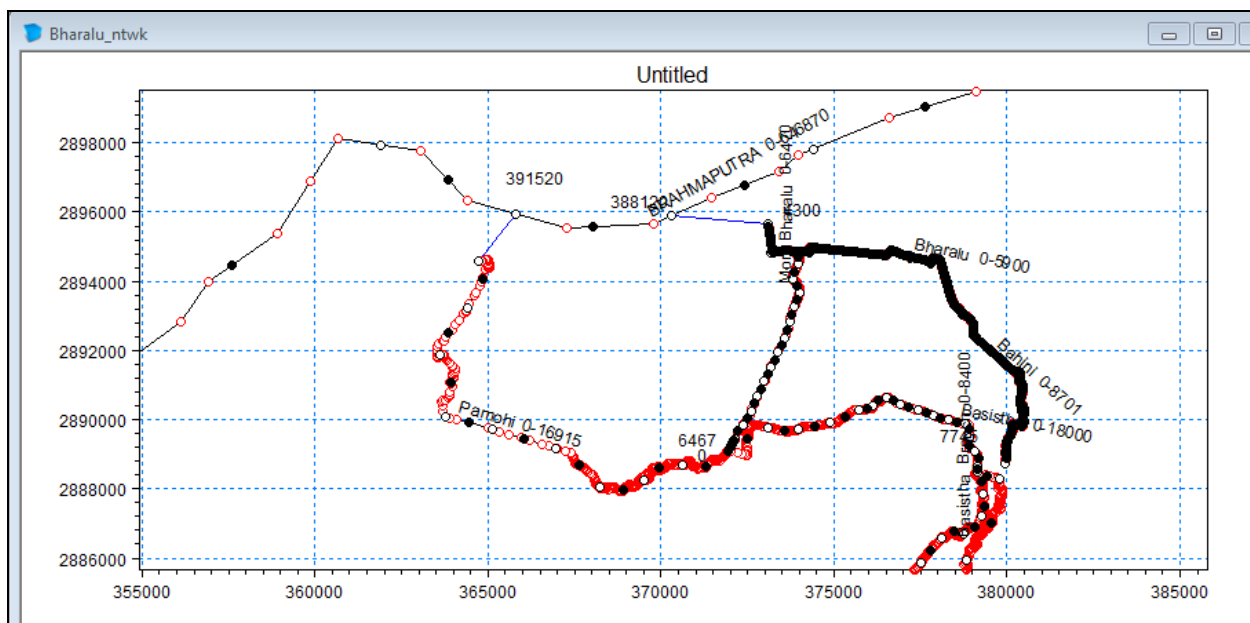


Figure 8-4 Bharalu River Model network

The model was run with data from 2006- 2012 to simulate existing conditions and to compare with proposed water augmentation and channel improvement conditions.

Figure 8-5 shows Longitudinal profile of Baistha river. Results for other rivers are presented below in connection with desilting and water augmentation.

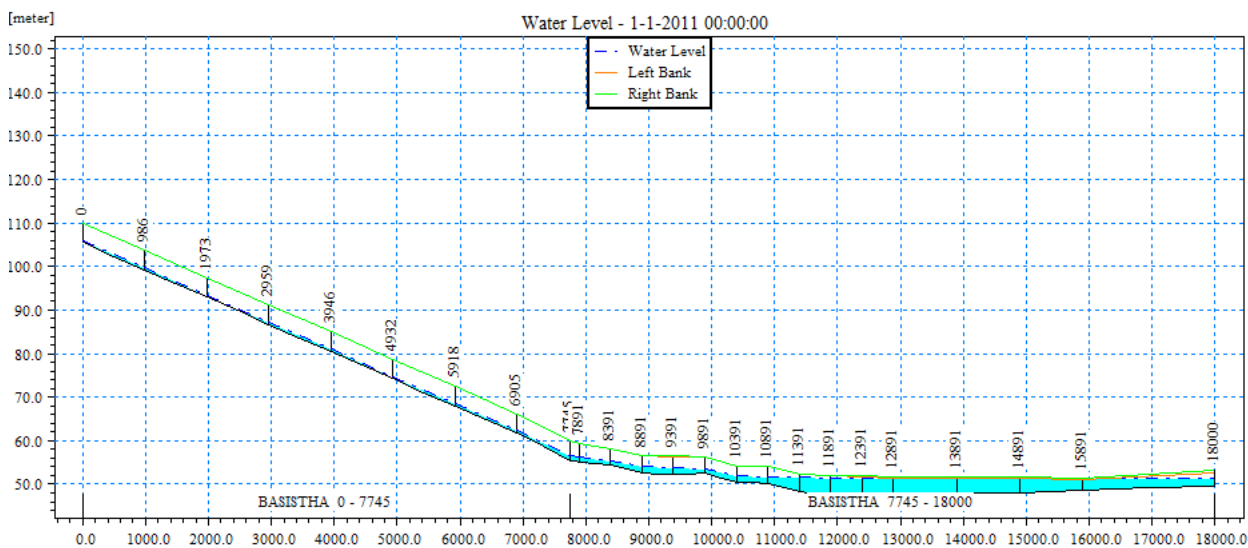


Figure 8-5 L-profile of Baistha

Figure 8-6 shows discharge hydrograph of Baistha at Nutan bazaar for a typical year.

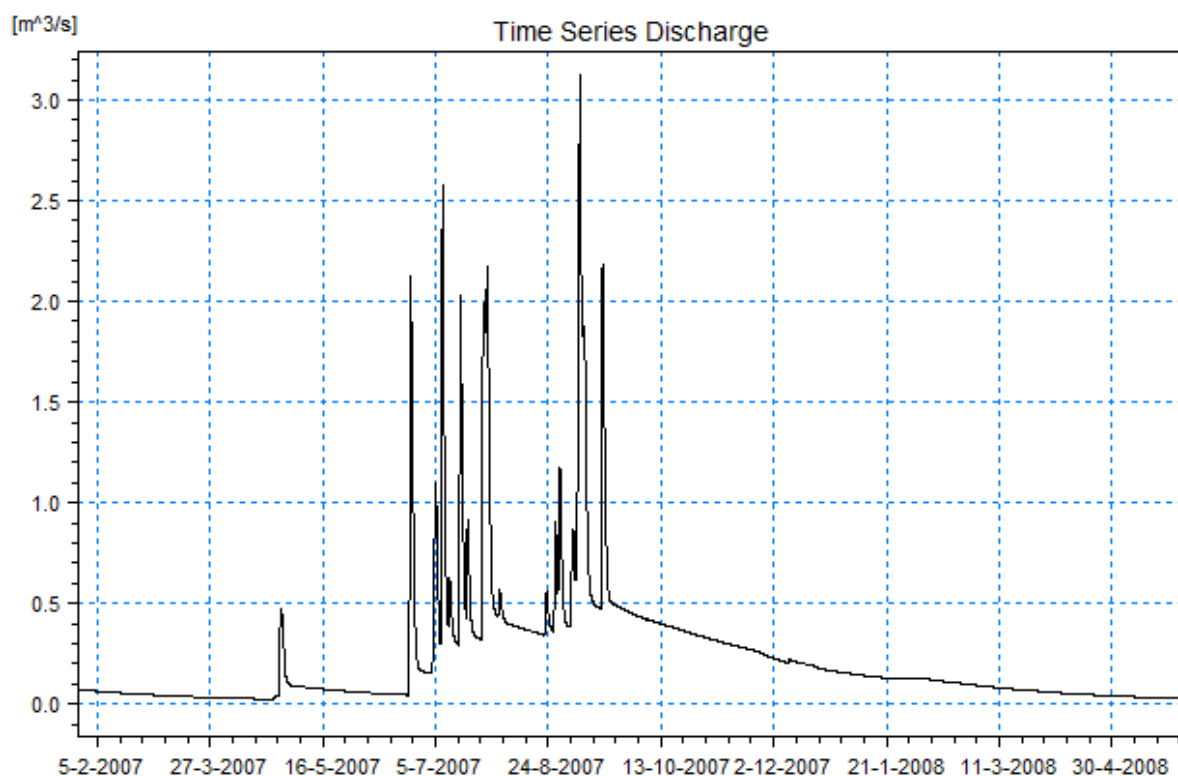


Figure 8-6 Discharge hydrograph of Basistha river at Nutan Bazaar

## 8.3 Water Augmentation Scheme

### 8.3.1 Re-connecting Bahini River near Nutan Bazar area

Basistha and Bahini rivers are naturally flowing from south to north direction (Figures 8-7 and 8-8). From the Survey of India map/ Google imagery, it is seen that there was and still is a connection between Bahini and Basistha rivers at location 2. From the site visit, one sluice gate is found on Bahini at location 1 ( Figure 8-9) that is currently defunct and the Bahini river stretch between location 2 to location 3 has also become defunct/ encroached or might have been silted up which resulted in a disconnection in this stretch of Bahini. In other words, the Bahini is now flowing from location 3 onwards. The Bahini at location 2 has joined Basistha and is flowing further down.



Figure 8-7 Location of Bahini-Basista connection

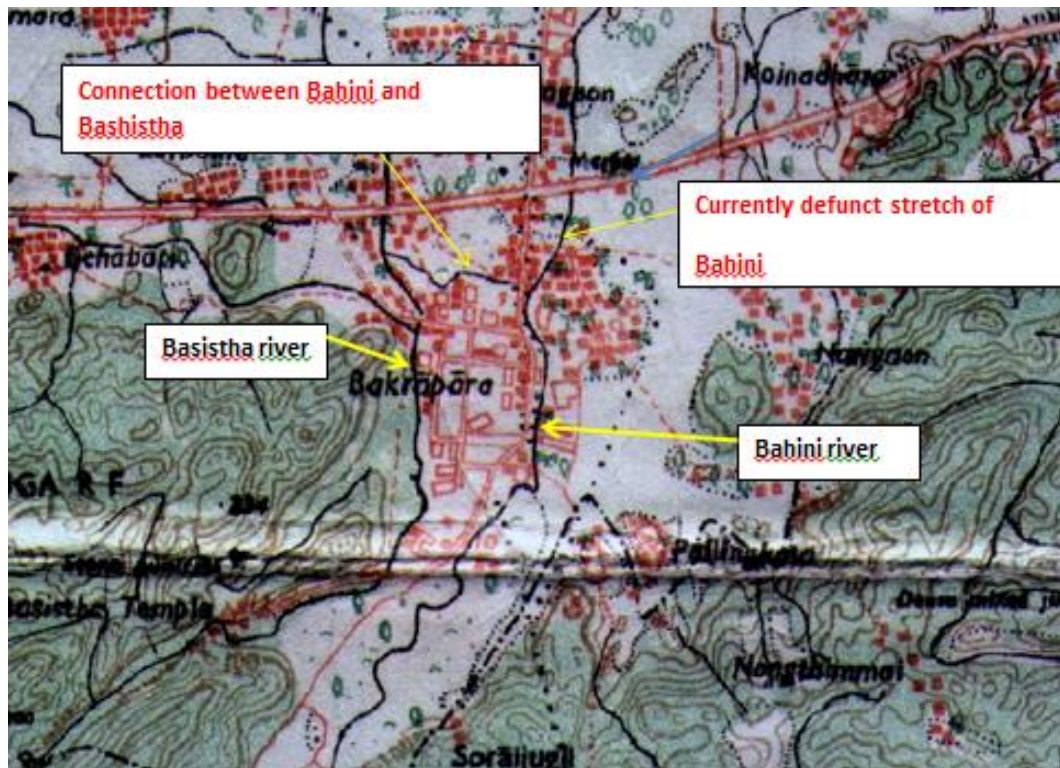


Figure 8-8 Survey of India Map showing the Basista-Bahini connection



Figure 8-9 The closed sluice gate of Bahini at Nutan Bazaar

### 8.3.2 The Scheme

As shown in Figure 8-10, the connection will be reestablished by constructing a channel from the Basistha point to meet Bahini 500 m downstream. It is proposed to reconnect two stretches of Bahini by providing a new channel along Bashishtha road connecting at location 2 and location 3. The Bahini river's reconnection scheme has been conceptualized. The reconnection scheme has a new RCC box channel and a new sluice gate, the details of the scheme are given below.

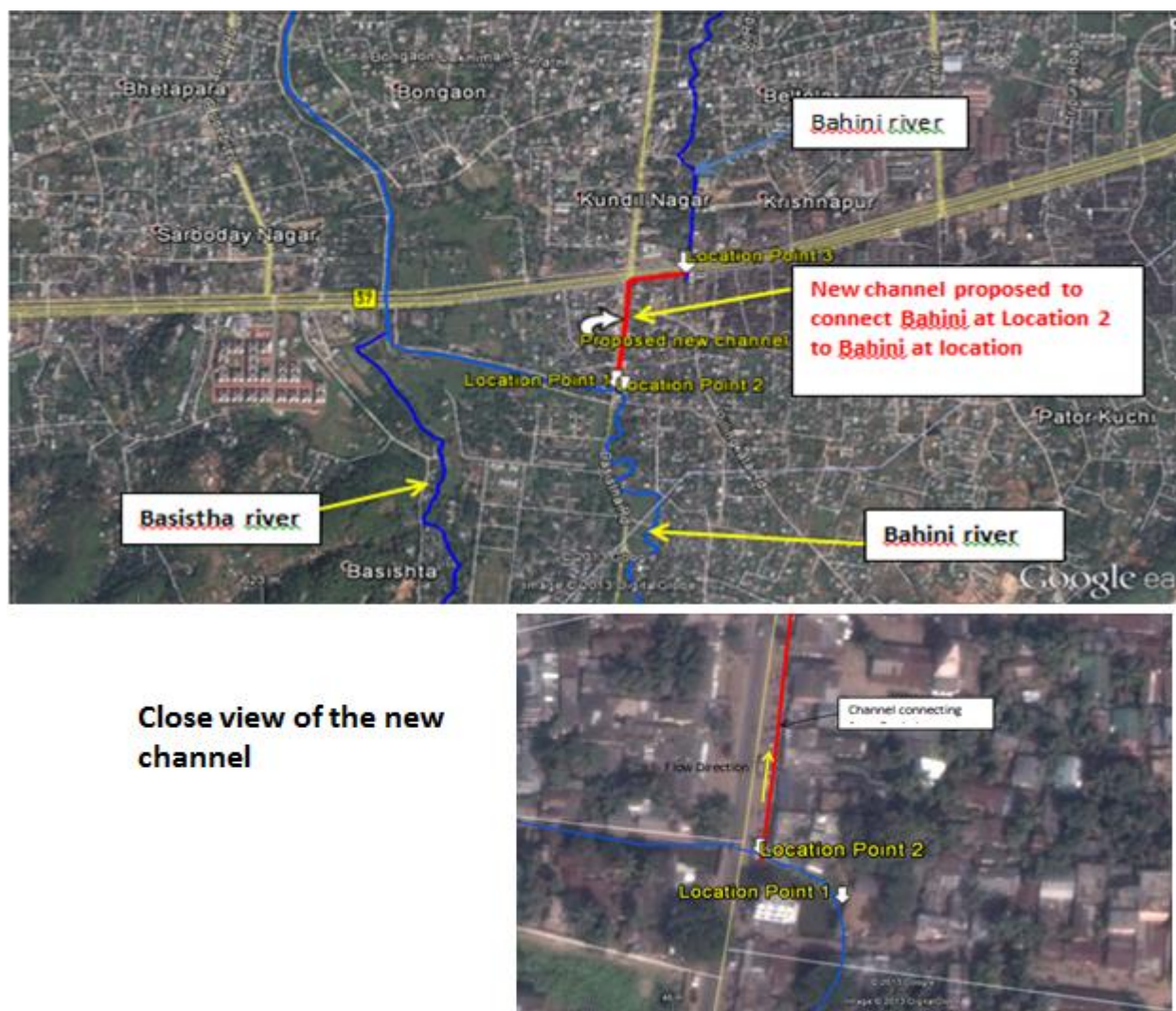


Figure 8-10 The new Channel connection arrangement

### 8.3.3 The New Sluice Gate

A New sluice as shown in Figure -11 is proposed at Location point 2 as seen in figure above to divert water from Basistha to Bahini. A new channel has been proposed to Connect Basistha to Bahini

The Sluice Gate Details are:

Size of Gate : 2 x (1 x 2)

Number: 2 Nos

Width : 1 m

Depth : 2m

Maximum design discharge capacity:12 m<sup>3</sup>/s

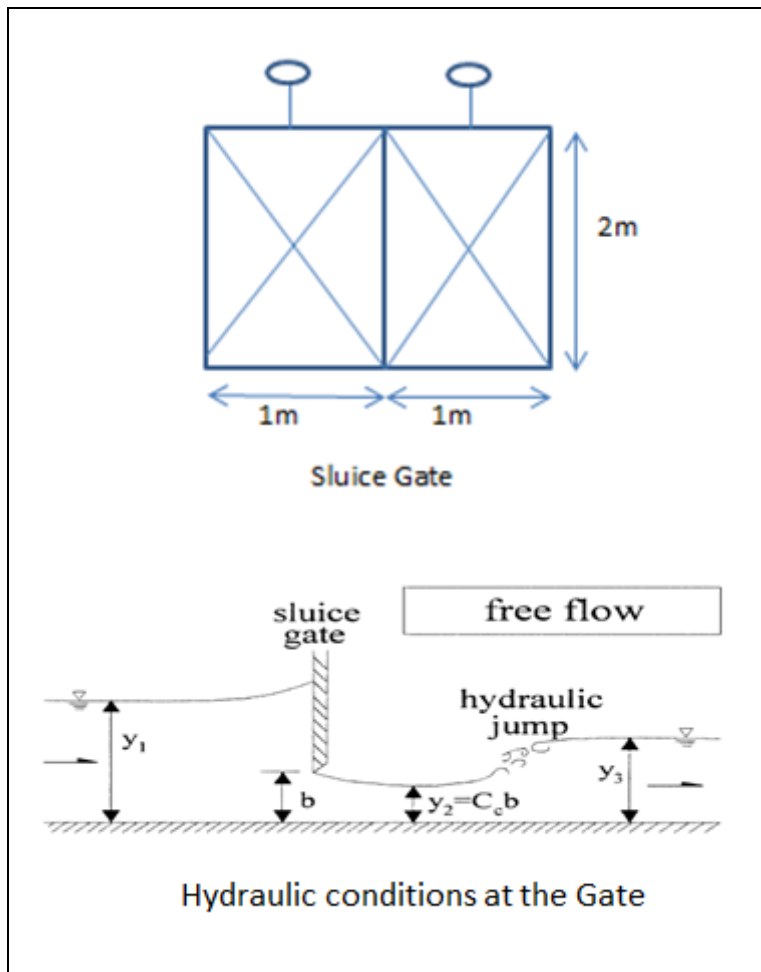
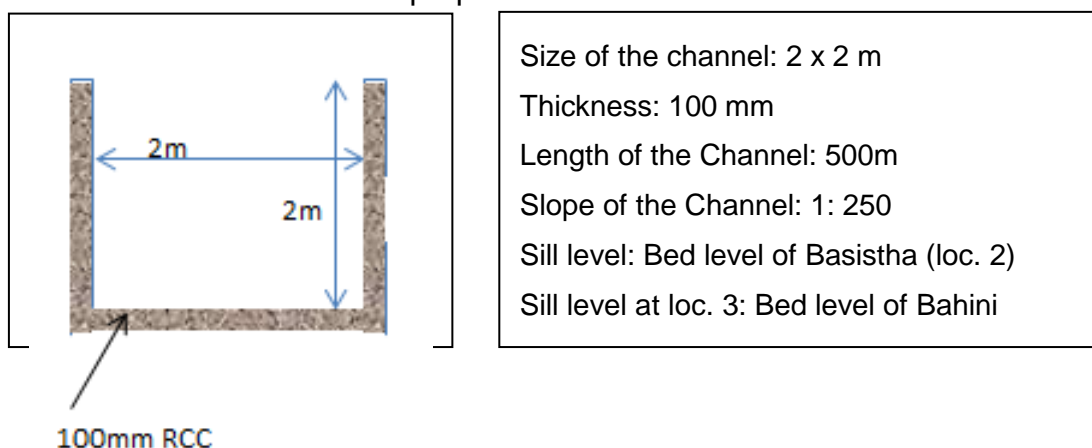


Figure 8-11 Design of the new sluice gate

Gate operation condition: In a critical condition, allowing both gates to be opened by 1.5m a maximum discharge of approximately 12 m<sup>3</sup>/s water from Basishtha to Bahini assuming that the upstream depth ( $y_1$ ) is 3m (Bank full level flow in the Bashistha)

### 8.3.4 The New Channel

A new channel connecting Basistha at Location 2 and Bahini at Location 3 is proposed for withdrawal of water from Bashistha to Bahini. The details of the RCC covered channel proposed are as below.





## 8.4 Desiltation

### 8.4.1 Desiltation of Bahinin, Bharalu and Dead Bharalu rivers

As part of the restoration and conservation of the river, deposited sediment will be removed to improve river conveyance and carrying capacity. Specifically, the river will be excavated to create a uniform slope along the silted reaches to the mouth at the Brahmaputra (Bharalumikh). The main desiltation works will be carried along the Bahini and Bharalu Rivers for a total length of 15.70 km from Nautan Bazaar to Bharalu Mukh. Figures 8-12 shows the Longitudinal profile of Bahini along with corresponding sample cross sections. Similarly, Figures 8-13 shows the Longitudinal profile of Bharalu and corresponding sample cross sections. Detailed cross sections for calculating dredging quantities are presented in Annex. Calculation has also been done for the dredging of Dead Bharalu.

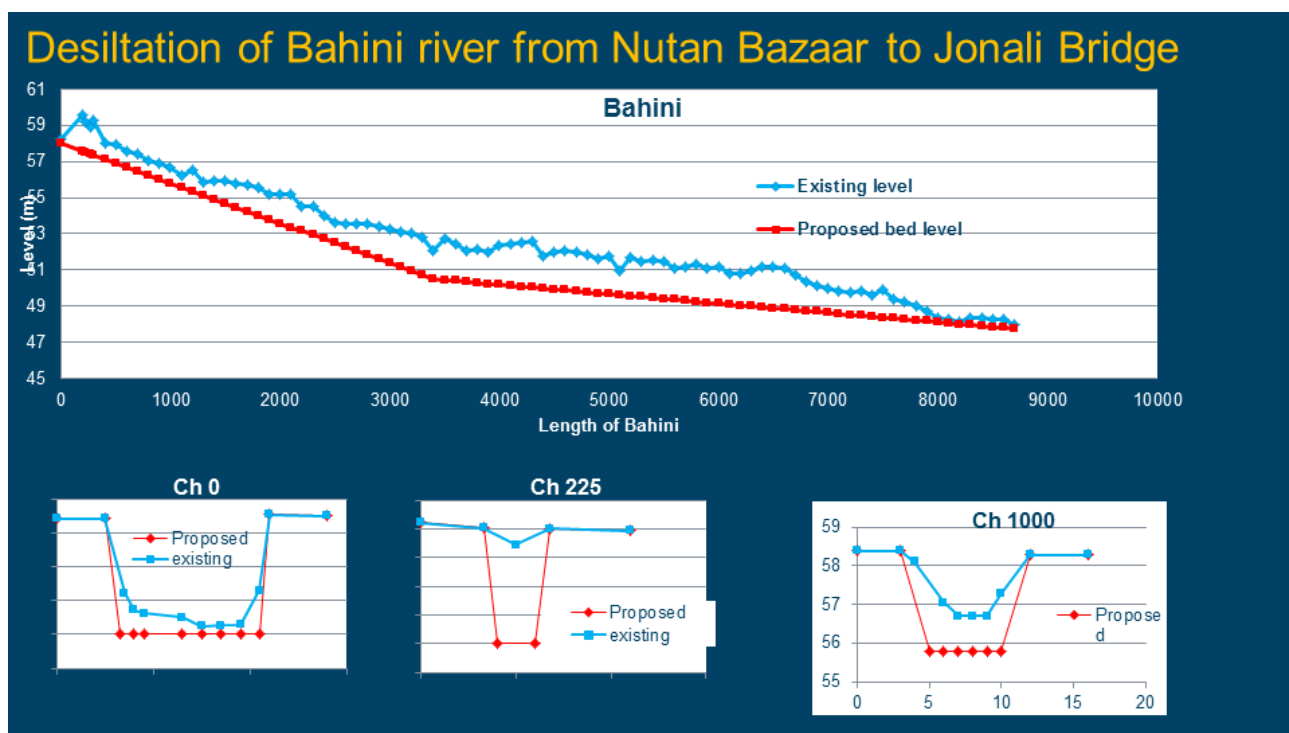


Figure 8-12 Longitudinal profile and Cross sections of Bahini (for dredging)

## Desiltation of Bharalu from Jonai Bridge to Bharalumukh

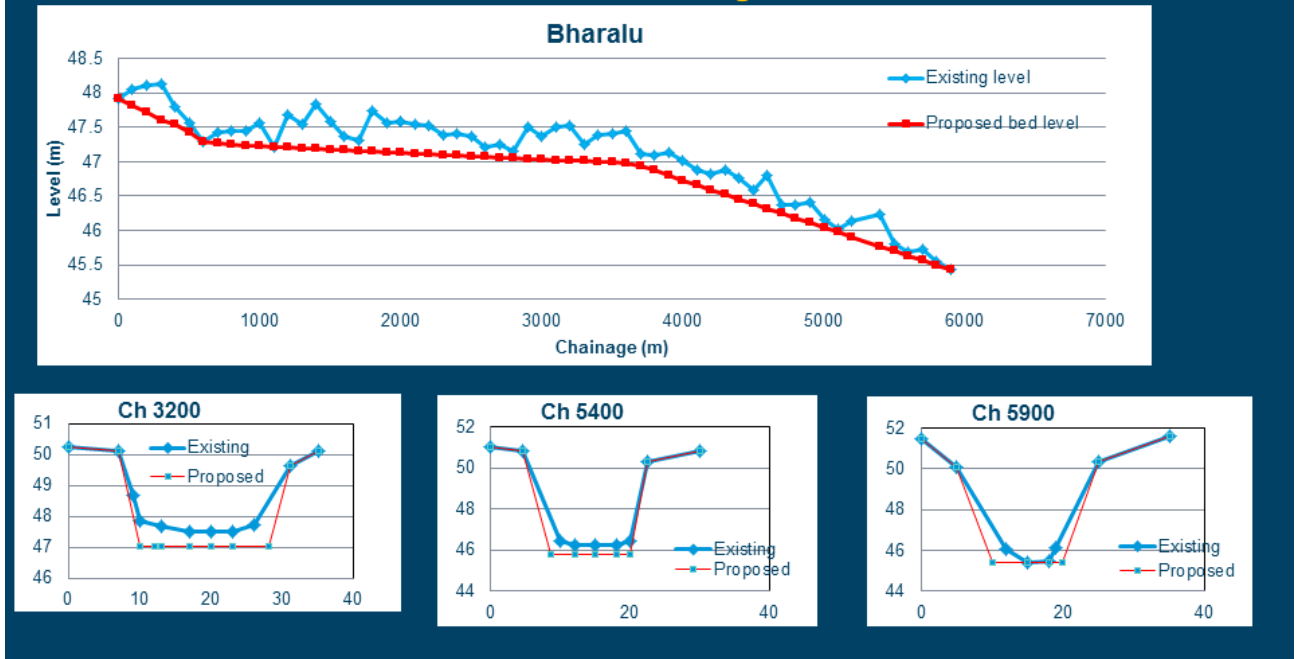


Figure 8-13 Longitudinal profile and Cross sections of Bharalu (for dredging)

The change in water surface profiles due to desiltation along the river reaches are presented in Figures 8-14 to 8-19.

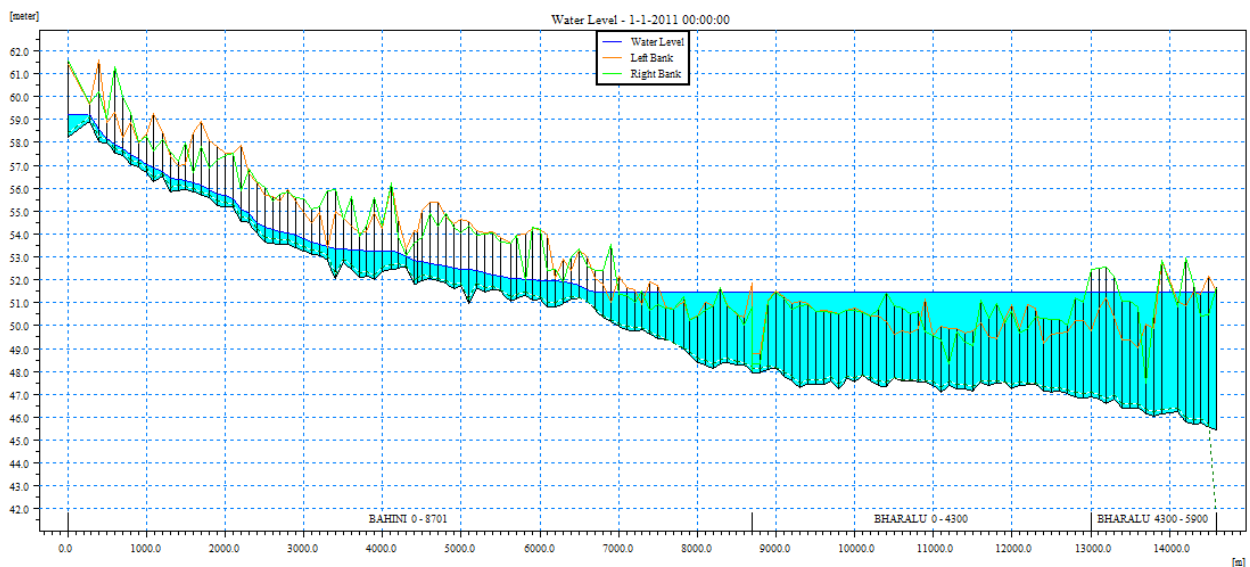


Figure 8-14 Longitudinal profile of Bahini- Bharalu River (Before dredging allowing 0.5cumecs through the new sluice)

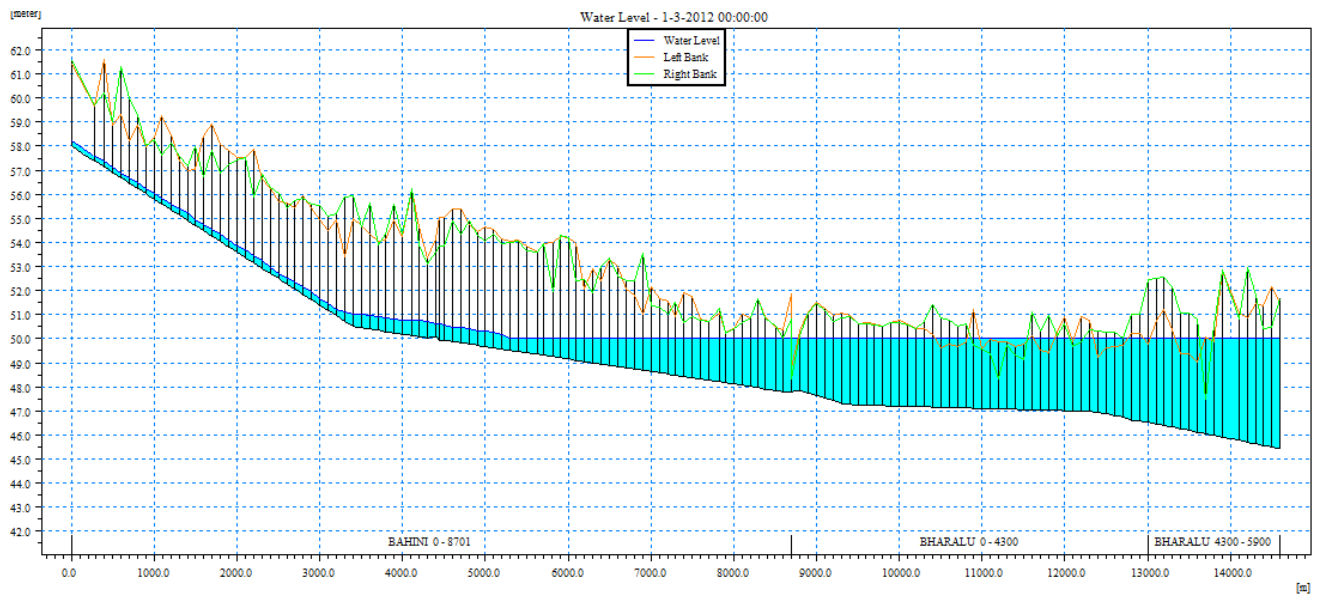


Figure 8-15 : Longitudinal profile of Bahini- Bharalu River (After dredging allowing 0.5cumecs through the new sluice)

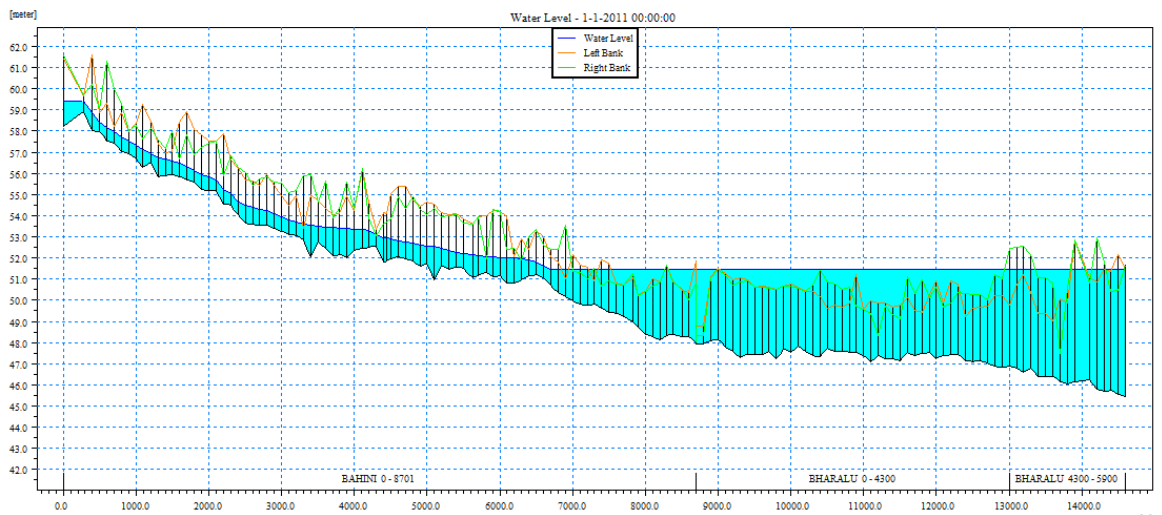


Figure 8-16 Longitudinal profile of Bahini- Bharalu River (Before Dredging- after connecting with the upstream Bahini through the new sluice)

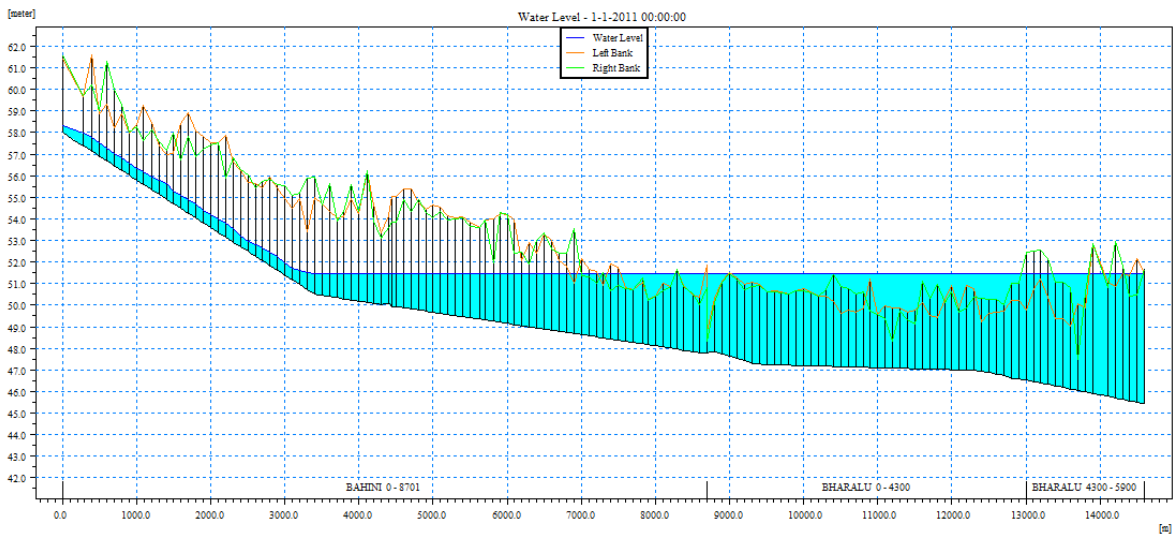


Figure 8-17 Longitudinal profile of Bahini- Bharalu River (After Dredging- after connection with the upstream Bahini through new sluice)

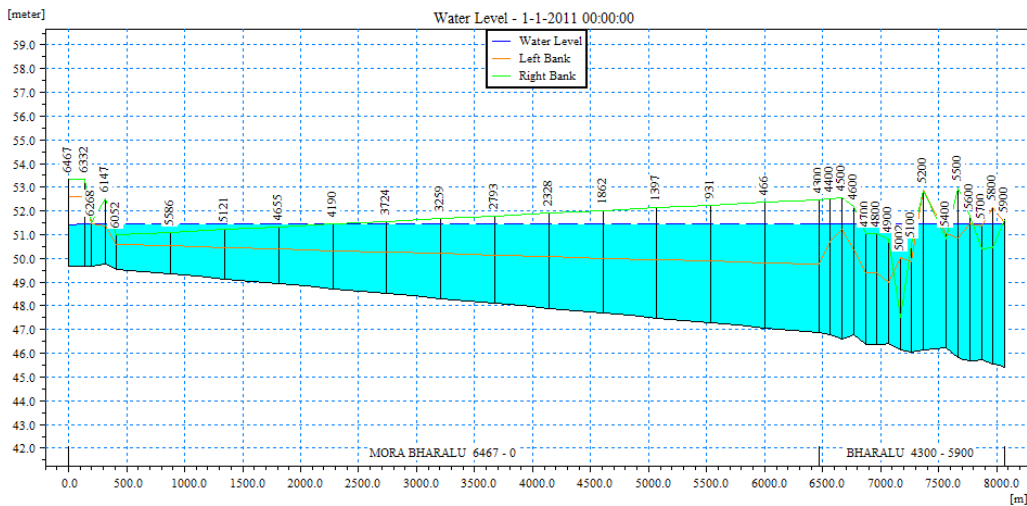


Figure 8-18 Longitudinal profile of Dead Bharalu River (Before Dredging)

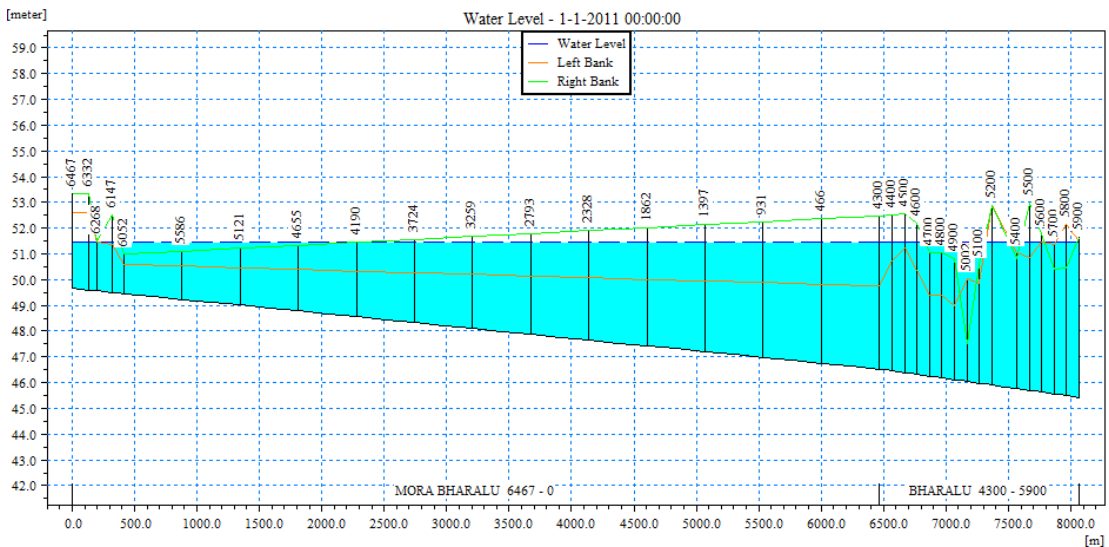


Figure 8-19 : Longitudinal profile of Dead Bharalu River (After Dredging)

This sediment removal is also expected to address some of the legacy sediment pollution that has resulted from sewage and industrial discharges, and as such, would help to accelerate the Bharalu's recovery.

Removal of sediment for all alternatives involves bank to bank removal of deposited sediments and accumulated debris along the entire length of the river. The removal/restoration plan consists of the following activities.

### 8.4.2 Pre-construction Activities

- Sediment Testing and Analysis: sediment will be tested *in-situ* to determine level of contamination and characterize the sediment for disposal.
- Surveying: River bed and river bank elevations will be surveyed to establish pre-construction conditions and develop sediment removal limits and cut lines to estimate removal volumes.
- Bench Scale and Treatability Studies: Sediment will be tested to assess cement amendment mixing ratios for desiccation or to assess other dewatering options.
- During the design phase of the project other disposal options can be evaluated such as bioremediation of waste for beneficial use.

### 8.4.3 Temporary River Diversions

Sediment removal activities will be performed in dry conditions. Cofferdams consisting of sand-filled geotextile bags or similar materials will be installed as necessary to block flow from the work area and the flow will be conveyed around the work area by gravity flow and pumping as site conditions permit. Pumps will be powered by diesel generators or other power sources as available.

### 8.4.4 Sediment Excavation

River sediment deposits will be removed with a mechanical excavator from the shoreline. After sediment excavation a thin layer of clean backfill material will be placed over the surface. The temporary cofferdam structure will be removed and moved further downstream to continue sediment removal operations. Upland areas disturbed by construction equipment will be re-graded and seeded.

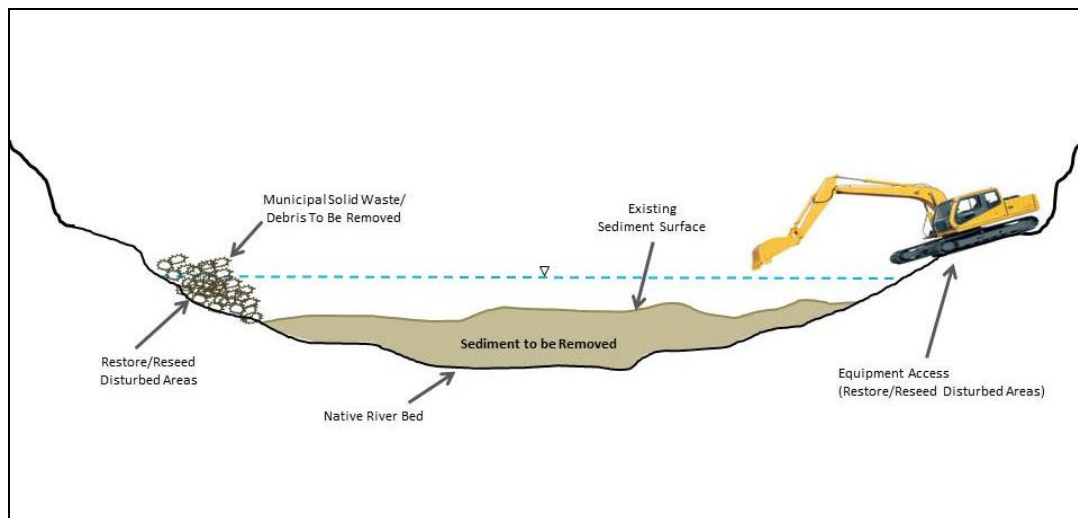


Figure 8-20 Typical desiltation arrangement

#### 8.4.5 Removal of Solid Waste

Solid waste accumulated on river banks will be removed by manual labor (using rakes and shovels). The solid waste will be collected, loaded, and transported via truck to a local landfill for disposal. Where possible the removal of the solid waste will attempt to limit the removal of river bank soil. For areas where the solid waste is lodged in the river bank soils and significant incidental soil removal is necessary, a bar screen can be used to separate the soil from the solid waste for reuse. Disturbed river bank areas will be backfilled, re-graded, and seeded with native plant material.

#### 8.4.6 Sediment Processing and Disposal

Excavated sediment will be placed in dump trucks and transported to a series of central processing area. The spacing and size of the processing areas will be determined based on specific site conditions. The processing area will consist of one or more roll-off containers but, if site conditions permit, could be configured in larger temporary containment units such as berms created using jersey concrete barriers and geotextile liners. The excavated sediment will be placed in the temporary containment units and supernatant liquid will be collected and flowed or pumped back to the river. After a period of dewatering, the partially dewatered sediment will be amended with cement to desiccate additional moisture in order to make the material transportable. The amended sediment will be transported to a local landfill facility for disposal. Amended material should be tested to confirm suitability for landfill disposal per the requirements of the landfill.

## 8.5 Cost Estimate

### 8.5.1 Cost Estimate of Water Augmentation

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Construction of RCC covered channel along the side road				
2	1. Earthwork excavation in hard soil, including site clearance, disposal of earth (2m x2mX500m+10%)	20200	cu.m	434	87,64,218
3	2. Form Work	3000	sq.m.	17,960	5,38,80,142
4	3. RCC (cement concrete grade 20)	400	cu.m.	6,467	25,86,959
5	4. Manholes with cast iron covers @ 100 m interval, size 60 cm X 60 cm	5	No	8,063	40,314
6	Iron Sluice Gate, fabrication, transportation, installation, painting, all complete	350	Kg	119	41,576
7	Site management before, during & after construction (clearance, dewatering, etc.)	1	Lot	2,50,000	2,50,000
8	Sub total				6,55,63,209
9	Contingencies			5%	32,78,160
10	O&M cost for 5 years @2 % of capital cost, inflation factor adjusted				98,34,481
	<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>7,86,75,850</b>

### 8.5.2 Cost Estimate of Desiltation

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Desilting of Bahini ( 8.7 km) from Nutan Bazar to Jonali Bridge	1,28,282	cu.m.		
2	Desilting of Bharalu ( 7.0 km) from Jonali Bridge to Bharalumukh	79,662	cu.m.		
3	Desilting of Dead Bharalu (6.5 km) Sluice gate at Shantipur to ISBT (ner confluence with Basistha	63,343	cu.m.		
4	Total desilting quantity including additional 10% fro unforeseen places	2,98,416	cu.m.	495	14,77,15,899
5	Cartage of excavated debris including necessary loading, unloading and conveying and disposing as directed, to a disposal site (Distance = 5 KM)	2,98,416	cu.m.	251.1	7,49,32,247
4	Removal of solid waste from banks (approximate length)	26	km	100000	26,00,000
5	Sub Total				22,52,48,145
6	Contingencies			5%	1,12,62,407
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>23,65,10,552</b>





## 9 River Monitoring Schemes

### 9.1 General Technical Concept

The concept of implementation of river monitoring scheme, on which the present technical specifications and special conditions are based intends to combine the advantages of modern Data Collection Platform (DCP), data storage, processing and data communication technologies with the requirements of high availability and sustainability required by such an important project. Preference will be given to robust, reliable technology. Some data collection sites are located in remote areas and should require annual maintenance only, so the selection of equipment and civil design will consider this aspect.

Wherever possible, the data from stations or sensors in close proximity will be gathered using wireless, unlicensed radio transmissions to a single point, then employing GSM/GPRS data communications from that location to SCADA. It is recognized that the maintenance of a monitoring network is often grossly underestimated as well as underperformed task. This leads to reduced life expectancy of the equipment and possibly the collection of misleading data during the period of operation. A strong maintenance plan will be provided for sustaining the monitoring network operation over the expected lifetime of the technology, which is considered to be 10-15 years. The proposed data communication will be through GSM/GPRS. The service provider will be responsible for making all arrangements for the sites requiring GSM/GPRS.

### 9.2 Design Principles

The following basic principles have been applied to the design of the real time hydro-meteorological data acquisition system network for Bharalu River basin.

- a) New stations being installed to improve estimations of areal precipitation and mean areal precipitation.
- b) Climate stations will be fully automated and transmit data in real time
- c) Precipitation gauges (Rain gauges) will have the primary function of measuring accumulated precipitation accurately. Rain gauges will be equipped with either a siphon system or software to eliminate over or under-measurement due to varying rates of precipitation being measured by a tipping bucket.
- d) For river water levels radar and stilling well type will be installed.
- e) The discharge measurements will be using current meters

### 9.3 Functional Requirements

Transition to automated observations with real time data communication can lead to a discontinuity in the measurement record if the process is not specified and managed carefully. The benefits of automation with real time data communication include cost

effectiveness, high frequency data, better ability to detect problems with measurements, faster access to data, consistency and objectiveness in measurement, and ability to perform automatic quality monitoring.

The water level and rainfall data will also be measured and logged every 1 hour and transmitted using both self-timed and random transmissions.

## 9.4 Technical Specifications

The technical Specifications of the stations in the monitoring network would be as follows:

### 1. Automated Rainfall Stations (ARS)

The ARS (Figure 9-1) , which will be tipping bucket type, will measure precipitation and transmit this data to data centre through GSM/GPRS communication. The rain gauge will be mounted 0.8 to 1m above the ground and will be located in such a way where the WMO guidelines on exposure are followed (i.e. structures, trees can not be closer than twice the difference between the orifice height and the height of the object). The approximate dimensions required for stations are 7m x 7m. The approximate gauge house building area may be about 5 sq. m. Concrete support block for both the tipping bucket gauge and pole for mounting various accessories etc. will be 0.45m X 0.45m X 0.9m deep approximately.



Figure 9-1: Automatic Rainfall Station.

### 2. Automated River Water Level Stations (ARWLS)

The ARWLS, river stage and transmit this data to data centre through GSM/GPRS communication. The water level measurement technology will either be made from a radar sensor and/or a stilling well/shaft encoder principal. River Water level recording stations will have a gauge house, wherever available or outdoor poles will be used. Figure 9-2 & Figure 9-3.



Figure 9-2: Typical arrangement of radar sensor for bridge sites

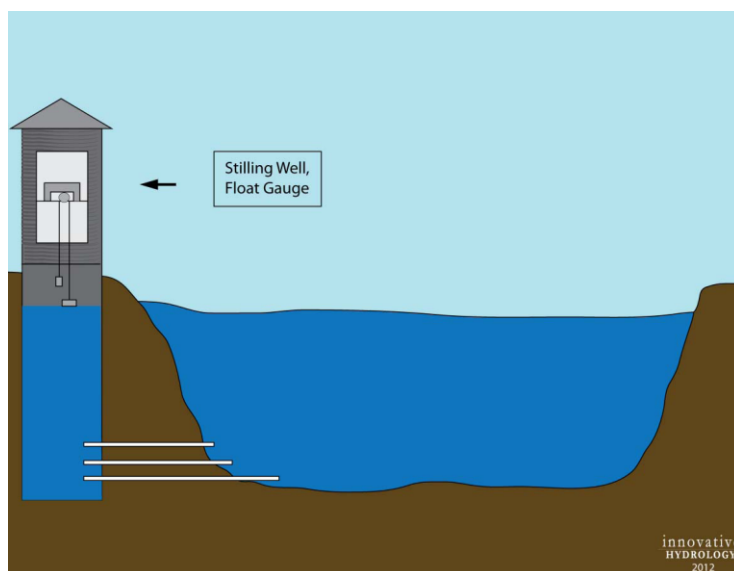


Figure 9-3: Typical arrangement of Stilling Well/Shaft Encoder

### 3. Current Meter for Discharge Measurement

To make discharge measurements over all ranges of flow encountered at newly proposed river water level (stage) sites for establishing stage-discharge curve, the current will be used. The current meters will be able to measure the entire range of flows, typical of measurements made by either Type AA or Pygmy current meters. The typical current meter is shown in Figure 9-4.



Figure 9-4: Typical Current meter

#### 4. Water Quality Stations (WQS)

The various water quality measurements will include the following parameters.

1. pH
2. Turbidity
3. Conductivity
4. Temperature
5. Dissolved Oxygen (DO)
6. Dissolved Ammonia
7. Bio-Chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)
8. Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)
9. Nitrates
10. Chlorides

Most of the parameters will be measured using real time sensors and few will be monitored manually and will be incorporated in data base.

### 9.5 Telemetry (GSM/GPRS Communication)

The data communications employed on river monitoring network will use GSM/GPRS radio communications. All stations have had in in-situ radio path survey, where a mobile phone signal was detected.

In GSM(Global System for Mobile Communications) / GPRS(General Packet Radio Service), the transmission is generally with 900 MHz and 1,8 GHz frequencies. It is open for public use and just requires the service agreement with service provider. The area coverage and economy of this option makes it a popular choice.

### 9.5.1 GSM/GPRS Data Collection Station

One GSM/GPRS data collection station shall be established at Project Management Unit (PMU) office in PCBA, Guwahati. The GSM/GPRS data collection station shall be able to interrogate the DCPs based on a given schedule. The GSM/GPRS Data Collection Station will also be able to receive data sent by the remote stations, whether the data is sent via SMS text or over GPRS internet connectivity.

## 9.6 Data Centre

The objective of establishing of a Data Center is to ensure that the high quality data collection, compilation, processing and analyses are available for monitoring. The data centre will be located at Project Management Unit (PMU) office in PCBA, Guwahati, and the access to the data will be given to Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) and WRD offices in Guwahati . The data centre will receive data from the GSM/GPRS enabled remote stations and will store this data in the data base. There will be a minimum of 100 days of data stored.. Figure 9-6 provides a overview of river monitoring system and how the data will be transmitted to data centre. The components of the system include GSM/GPRS communication system and data collection/application servers for the collection, quality control and relay of information. The Web Portal that serves the public authorities want can have the data published on it.

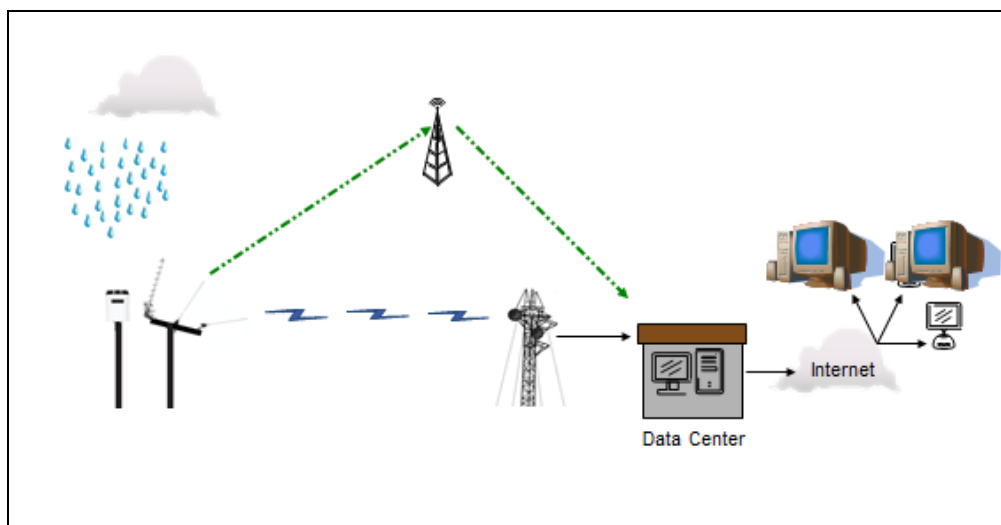


Figure 9-5: Monitoring System Overview .

The data flow will be as follows:

- Each DCP will automatically measure precipitation and reservoir/river water level every regular interval of 1 hour and transmit the data. It will store this observed data in its memory and then transmit it in self timed manner in its prescribed time slot every hour.
- Data communication will be through GSM/GPRS network and received at the ground stations.
- The Real Time Data Monitoring system will be based on Mike Customized s/w, in which the data will be brought into the server. The Mike Customized s/w will

perform the quality control processing and data visualization function. The similar system are successfully implemented and operation in Control Rooms of Bhakra Bias management Board (BBMB) in Chandigarh and Basin Simulation Division, WRD in Pune.

## 9.7 Equipment Specifications

The following equipment specifications will apply for all stations and equipment listed below. All sensors shall have operating temperature from 0 to +60°C, relative humidity 0% to 100% non-condensing and located at an altitude ranging from 200 to 2000 m. The complete tool kit for installation and routine maintenance along with manuals, documentation etc. in English shall be provided.

### 9.7.1 Data Collection Platform

The conditions and constraints of hydrologic monitoring require long periods of autonomy. The Data Collection Platforms shall be capable of unattended operation for upto a year. The continuous power is not available for most of the network, so the power will need to be supplied on-site with the use of solar panels. Figure 9-6 shows the typical data collection platform and online battery charger for solar panel input.



Figure 9-6: Typical data collection platform and online battery charger

### 9.7.2 GSM/GPRS Radio and Antenna

The GSM/GPRS data radio communications equipment shall meet the requirements of regulating agencies in India. The GSM/GPRS technology will allow for on-demand data collection and reprogramming of the data collection platform. The GSM/GPRS antenna shall also meet the requirements of the GSM/GPRS provider and regulatory agencies.

### 9.7.3 Water Level Sensors

As described in 9.4, water level sensing technology includes shaft encoders and radar systems. The sensor shall be compatible with the data collection platform.

**(a) The shaft encoder shall meet the following specifications:**

- Shaft encoder shall have digital readout

- Measuring range: 0 – 80 m water column
- Power supply provided through data collection platform
- Shaft encoder will be compatible with data collection platform input
- Resolution shall be 3mm or less
- All standard accessories shall be included such as floats, wheels, tapes, counterweight and connecting parts
- The sensor shall keep track of rapid water level movements without suffering from missing increments due to too slow operation
- Wheels and tapes shall be metric
- Tape shall be graduated
- Shaft encoder fabrication shall be of high quality using stainless steel or similar material that can resist corrosion
- Shaft encoder electronics are fully protected against ingress of water, moisture, dust etc.
- The Schedule of Requirements gives the numbers to be quoted for and their associated ranges and is provided in Appendix- A. The bidder shall specify for the closest standard range of the offered product with respect to the required measuring range. The quoted range shall be equal or larger than the required range.

**(b) The radar sensor shall meet or exceed the following specifications:**

- Power input: 10 – 15 V DC
- Power consumption:  $\leq 20$  mA Active,  $\leq 10$  mA sleep
- Power should be able to be cycled so that power is only applied prior and during measurement
- Range: 0-30 m water column
- Mounting supports shall be as required
- Accuracy(linearity, repeatability, hysteresis): 0.03% or less
- Resolution shall be 3 mm or less
- The Schedule of Requirements gives the numbers to be quoted for and their associated ranges and is provided in Appendix- A. The bidder shall specify for the closest standard range of the offered product with respect to the required measuring range. The quoted range shall be equal or larger than the required range.

#### 9.7.4 Rainfall Sensors

The precipitation/rainfall sensor shall meet or exceed the following specifications:

- Tipping bucket base and collector: durable and rigid of cast metal, moulded thermoplastic, FRP or equivalent; galvanized iron sheet is not permitted
- Rim material: gun metal/ brass/ stainless steel or equivalent
- Rainfall shall be measured using a tipping bucket method and shall be able to record rainfall cumulatively with the data collection platform
- Rainfall sensor shall be of such a design that it operates reliably and accurately under prevailing environmental and weather conditions
- Raingauge is easy to operate and easy to calibrate
- Minimum expected operational lifetime shall be 15 years or greater
- Bucket capacity: 1 mm equivalent rainfall

- Focus on rainfall gauge is the accurate measurement of rainfall totals, not necessarily rainfall rates. The use of a siphon system to normalize rainfall rate to achieve accurate total rainfall is specified, or software which will also normalize varying rainfall rates and errors caused by changing rainfall rates
- Intensity: 0 – 500 mm/hr
- Accuracy: 2% of reading
- Contact system using dual reed switches with varistor protection
- Insect covers on all openings
- Collecting funnel diameter: close to 200 mm internal diameter
- The gauge will have leg adjusters to set the level horizontally
- Certified calibration test document shall be included with every gauge. The calibration may be performed just prior to installation to assure accuracy of certified calibration test.
- Ability to service tipping bucket gauge without re-leveling the gauge.
- Calibration kit for tipping buckets (10 units)
- Necessary cables to connect precipitation gauge to data logger as required

#### 9.7.5 Solar Power and Battery

All systems will rely on solar power charging system and battery backup for extended operation during periods of extended cloudiness or loss of charging system. The solar panel and battery system shall satisfy the following specifications:

- 12V solar photo voltaic system with the capacity to power all equipments associated with the station
- The solar panels shall be capable of not only powering the equipment, but charging the batteries to provide continuous operations
- The battery system must be capable of operating all components of the monitoring station for 20 days without charging
- The solar panel system shall be capable of full charging the battery system that has gone 20 days without charge within 2 days in full sunlight.
- A solar regulator will be supplied at each station to regulate power and maintain optimum battery and data collection platform operation

#### 9.7.6 Current Meters

One set of current meter with all accessories required to make discharge measurements over all ranges of flow encountered at newly proposed river water level (stage) sites for establishing stage-discharge curve. Accessories include Price-type current meters or equivalent. The current meters should be able to measure the entire range of flows, typical of measurements made by either Type AA or Pygmy current meters. The bidder will provide the complete specifications of the equipment as part of the bid.

The current meter accessories will include wading rods, cranes, sounding weights to make measurements from a bridge, cableway or wading. This equipment will be used by the bidder and serviced by the bidder for repair due to malfunction or other equipment breakdown.



### 9.7.7 Water Quality Sensors

The specifications for water quality sensors viz. pH, Turbidity, Conductivity, Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Dissolved Ammonia, Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), Nitrates and Chlorides are described in following sections. The Bio-Chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) measurements will be done weekly by sample collection manually and lab analysis.

#### 9.7.7.1 Specification for pH

pH	
Measuring Range	0.0 to 14 units of pH
Accuracy	≤ 0.01 units of pH
Resolution	≤ 0.01 units of pH
Precision	≤ 0.03 units of pH
Response Time	≤ 60 seconds
Operating Temperature	0 to 40°C
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% non-condensing
Power	12 VDC Nominal
Signal Output	Compatible with Data Acquisition System
Cleaning	Self-Cleaning (Automatic)

#### 9.7.7.2 Specification for Turbidity

Turbidity	
Measuring Range	0 to 1000 NTU
Accuracy	≤ 3 % of certified reference standard
Resolution	≤ 0.1 NTU
Response Time	≤ 60 seconds
Operating Temperature	0 to 40°C
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% non-condensing
Power	12 VDC Nominal
Signal Output	Compatible with Data Acquisition System
Cleaning	Self-Cleaning (Automatic)

#### 9.7.7.3 Specification for Conductivity

Conductivity (EC)	
Measuring Range	0.0 to 5000 μS/cm
Accuracy	± 0.1% of full scale
Resolution	≤ 0.01 μS/cm
Precision	≤ 3 μS/cm
Response Time	≤ 60 seconds
Operating Temperature	0 to 40°C
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% non-condensing
Power	12 VDC Nominal
Signal Output	Compatible with Data Acquisition System
Cleaning	Self-Cleaning (Automatic)

#### 9.7.7.4 Specification for Water Temperature

Temperature	
Measuring Range	0 to 40°C
Accuracy	≤ 0.1 C
Resolution	≤ 0.1 C
Precision	≤ 0.1 C
Response Time	≤ 60 seconds
Operating Temperature	0 to 40°C
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% non-condensing
Power	12 VDC Nominal
Signal Output	Compatible with Data Acquisition System
Cleaning	Self-Cleaning (Automatic)

#### 9.7.7.5 Specification for Dissolved Oxygen

Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	
Measuring Range	0 to 20 mg/L
Accuracy	≤ 1% of Full Scale
Resolution	≤ 0.01 mg/L
Precision	≤ 0.02 mg/L
Response Time	≤ 60 seconds
Operating Temperature	0 to 40°C
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% non-condensing
Power	12 VDC Nominal
Signal Output	Compatible with Data Acquisition System
Cleaning	Self-Cleaning (Automatic)

#### 9.7.7.6 Specification for Dissolved Ammonia

Ammonia (NH <sub>4</sub> )	
Measuring Range	0.0 to 100 mg/L
Accuracy	≤ 3% of full scale
Resolution	≤ 0.1 mg/L
Precision	≤ 0.3 mg/L
Response Time	≤ 60 seconds
Operating Temperature	0 to 40°C
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% non-condensing
Power	12 VDC Nominal
Signal Output	Compatible with Data Acquisition System
Cleaning	Self-Cleaning (Automatic)

### 9.7.7.7 Specification for COD

<b>Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)</b>	
Measuring Range	0.0 to 500 mg/l
Accuracy	± 2% + 5 mg/L of certified reference standard
Resolution	≤ 1 mg/L
Response Time	≤ 60 seconds
Operating Temperature	0 to 40°C
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% non-condensing
Power	12 VDC Nominal
Signal Output	Compatible with Data Acquisition System
Cleaning	Self-Cleaning (Automatic)

### 9.7.7.8 Specification for Nitrates

<b>Nitrates (NO<sub>3</sub>)</b>	
Measuring Range	1 to 50 mg/L
Accuracy	± 2% + 0.5 mg/L of certified reference standard
Resolution	≤ 0.1 mg/L
Precision	≤ 0.25 mg/L
Response Time	≤ 60 seconds
Operating Temperature	0 to 40°C
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% non-condensing
Power	12 VDC Nominal
Signal Output	Compatible with Data Acquisition System
Cleaning	Self-Cleaning (Automatic)

### 9.7.7.9 Specification for Chlorides

<b>Chloride (CL<sup>-</sup>)</b>	
Measuring Range	0 to 1000 mg/L
Resolution	≤ 0.1 mg/L
Precision	≤ 1 mg/L
Response Time	≤ 60 seconds
Operating Temperature	0 to 40°C
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% non-condensing
Power	12 VDC Nominal
Signal Output	Compatible with Data Acquisition System
Cleaning	Self-Cleaning (Automatic)

## 9.8 River Monitoring Network

The real time network of rainfall and river water monitoring is depicted in Figure 9-7: Map showing Monitoring Stations for Bharalu river Basin. It is proposed to have 5 rain gauge stations, 2 river water level station and 4 Water Quality stations. The BOD measurements would be taken at these six stations in each week manually. There would be one current meter for discharge measurement.

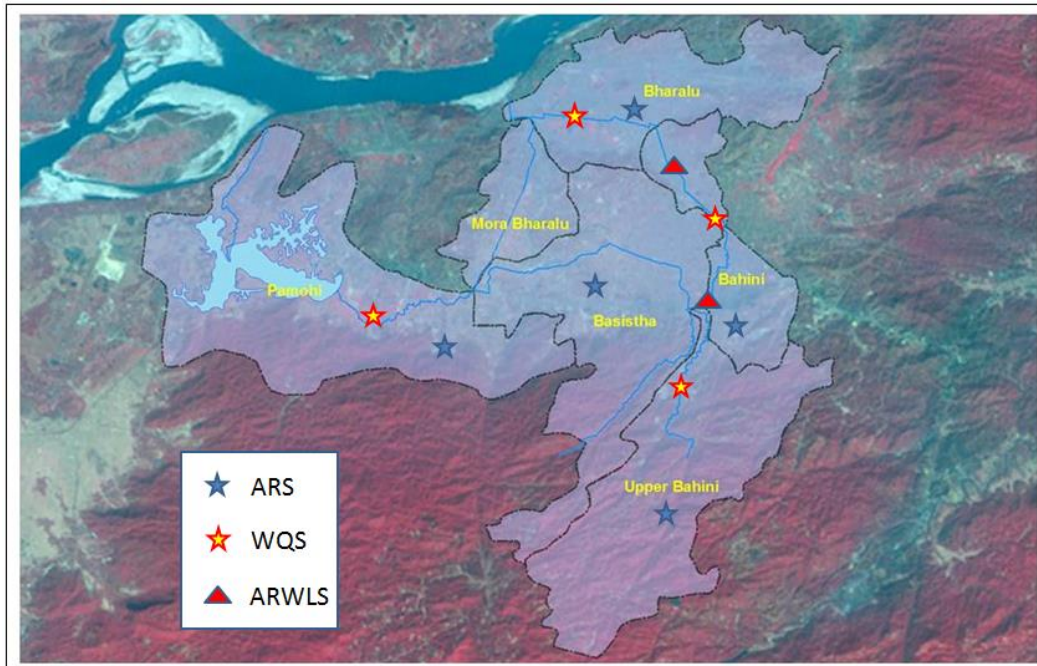


Figure 9-7: Map showing Monitoring Stations for Bharalu river Basin

## 9.9 Cost Estimate

Table 9.1 and 9.2 elaborates the Cost estimates for Bharalu River including Operation and maintenance Costs,

Table 9.1 The Cost Estimate for Bharalu River

SI No.	Item	QTY	Unit	Unit Cost (INR)	Total Cost (INR)
1	Automatic Rainfall Station	5	No	150,000	750,000
2	Automatic River WL Station	2	No	300,000	600,000
3	Water Quality Stations (excluding BOD)	4	No	850,000	3,400,000
	<b>SubTotal</b>				4,750,000
5	Transport, Transit Insurance, Installation	1	Lot	20%	950,000
6	Establishment of gauge-discharge station	1	No	250,000	250,000
7	Current meter and related accessories	1	Lot	100,000	100,000
8	Database Server	1	No	500,000	500,000
9	High End Desk Tops	5	No	80,000	400,000
10	Display (Plazma 51")	4	No	100,000	400,000
11	SCADA & data base software	1	No	1,200,000	1,200,000
12	Data integration and modelling software	1	No	5,000,000	5,000,000
13	<b>SubTotal</b>				13,550,000
16	Contingencies			5%	677,500
17	<b>subtotal</b>				14,227,500
18	<b>O&amp;M for 5 years</b>				24,847,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>39,075,500</b>
19	Consultancy for implementation of the monitoring, modelling and warning system - included in the PMC cost	The Consultancy cost of 6 International Mon-months and 24 National man-Months will be included in the budget PMC.			

Table 9.2 The O & M Cost Estimate for Bharalu River monitoring component.

1	BOD Sampling and lab testing 3 stations, 52 weeks	208	No	1000	208000
2	Other water quality parameters sampling & lab testing (monthly)	48	No	10000	480000
3	Cost of mobile network use	11	No	10000	110000
4	Annual maintenance cost	1	years	10%	475000
5	Flow measurement (weekly) at the G-D station - to be outsourced to hydrologists	52	week	20000	1040000
6	Maintenance of hardware and software at the SCADA Center	1	LS	1000000	1000000
7	Total for one year				<b>3,313,000</b>
8	Total for 5 years (incl. escalation)				<b>24,847,500</b>

## 10 Environment Impact Assessment

### 10.1 Present Environmental Conditions

#### 10.1.1.1 Water Quality of the River

The River has been contaminated with bacterial pollution due to the discharge of raw sewage directly into the river without any treatment. It has been evident that in many places the River becomes a solid waste disposal point and the waste are carried along the River.

During our survey we have found that these water bodies heavily polluted and threatened due to anthropogenic activities like encroachment, solid waste dumping, sewage inflow and eutrophication.

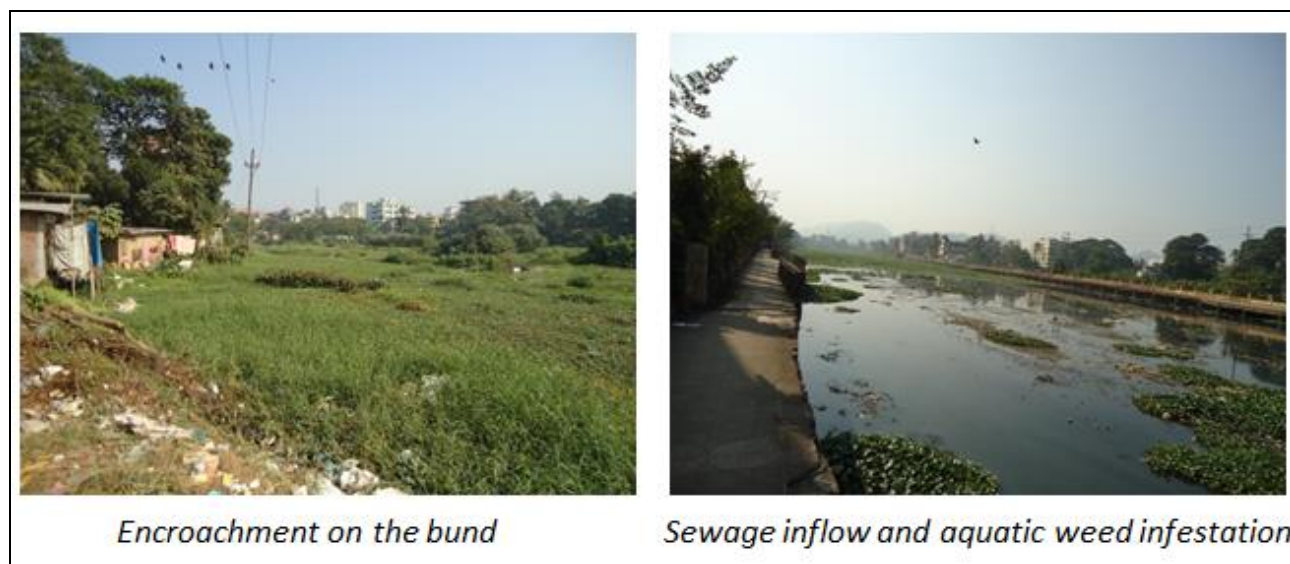


Figure 10-1 Bharalu River present environmental condition

#### 10.1.2 Fishes in the River

Assam is blessed with number of wetlands includes swamp, marsh, waterlogged, oxbow and manmade water bodies. These water bodies support number aquatic vertebrate and invertebrates. Bharalu River once supported aquatic fauna is no longer clean to support fishes due to its poor water quality. The Bhasista River which flow into Deepor beel, the list of fishes were found in Bhasista River is provided in the table and picture are provided below and in Figure 10-2.

List of fishes recorded in Bhasista River

<i>Scientific Name</i>	<i>Common Name</i>
<i>Mastacembelus armatus</i>	<i>Tire track eel</i>
<i>Labeo gonius</i>	Kuria labeo

<i>Cirrhinus mrigala</i>	<i>Mrigal carp</i>
<i>Puntius sophore</i>	<i>Pool barb</i>
<i>Pethia conchonius</i>	<i>Rosy Barb</i>
<i>Mystus bleekeri</i>	<i>Day's Mystus</i>



*Pethia conchonius*



*Puntius sophore*



*Mystus bleekeri*



*Labeo gonius*



*Cirrhinus mrigala*



*Mastacembelus armatus*

Figure 10-2 Fishes recorded in Bhasista River



### 10.1.2.1 Industries around the River

Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. was incorporated in the year 1965 under the Companies Act 1956 started with the objective of Identification and promotion of medium and large industrial projects in the state. Some of the Major Industries and Industrial areas are Guwahati Refinery (Indian Oil Corporation) India Carbon Ltd, Amingaon Industrial area, Bamunimaidam Industrial Estate and Kalapahar Industrial Estate.

### 10.1.2.2 Water supply in Guwahati City

The water supply facilities in Guwahati Metropolitan area are operated by three departments, viz., Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC), Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board (AUWSSB) and Public Health Engineering Department (PHED). The existing systems cater to about 30% of the residents. Besides this the households are mainly dependent on the groundwater and the water supplied through the tankers. The safety of ground water for drinking purposes is a concern due to contamination by high levels of dissolved solids, iron, and fluorides in many areas.

The Guwahati Jal Board (GJB) was established as a single organisation responsible for Water Supply & Sewerage services to the residents of the Guwahati Metropolitan Area (GMA). Upon completion, the water supply facilities now under implementation will be taken over by the Guwahati Jal Board, which will be responsible for operating and maintaining them on a sustainable basis.



Figure 10-3 Indigenous iron filter system

Present sources of water are:

1. Surface sources: River Brahmaputra. Raw water is drawn from the river by raw water pumps mounted on eight floating barges located at different places.
2. Ground Water: 14 deep tube wells constructed by GMC.

Apart from the municipal water supply, we found that people are using hand pump to draw ground water. Along the Bashita River people drawing water from shallow wells which have excess iron, the collected iron rich water is filtered through indigenous filter system in order to remove dissolved iron. Though excess iron does not have major health problem, but it stains and has aesthetic problem.

The beel, Silsako beel, Narengi beel, Borsola beel and Sarusola beel. Beel means wetland or large aquatic body in Assamese. The Deepor beel is the largest among these, it is biological and environmental important site also designated a Ramsar site in 2002, it is the largest wetland located on the foothills of Rani and Garbanga Reserve forest. Apart from the various natural water bodies, there are a number of historic water tanks or ponds within the city. These tanks which include, Dighalipukhuri, Silpukhuri, Joorpukhuri, Nagputapukhuri, Kamakhyapukhuri, etc. The locations of these beels are provided in the map.

### 10.1.2.3 Forest and Biodiversity

The State of Assam is a constituent unit of the Eastern Himalayan Biodiversity Region; one of the two biodiversity “Hot Spots” in the country. The reserved forests within the limits of Guwahati Municipal Corporation, are Hengrabari, Phatasil and Jalukbari. the other reserved forests around Guwahati are Rani and Garbhanga RFs. Deepar Beel, is a vast expanse of water body on the western side of the city is Ramsar site and also is a Wildlife Sanctuary. The Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden located in Guwahati city supports number of free ranging species of flora and fauna, the details are provided below.



Figure 10-4 Bharalu biodiversity

#### Flora

Terrestrial and aquatic flora data was collected during the survey. The Bharalu river banks are infested with *Ricinus communis*, it invades and displaces native vegetation. Most of the species listed in the table are non-native and invasive in nature.

### Fauna

Deepor beel is located southwest of the Guwahati city, is one of the staging sites for migratory birds and congregations of aquatic birds in Assam during winter. But during Bharalu River survey the following birds were spotted, Black-eared Kite, House crow, Jungle myna, Common myna, Bank myna feeding on the domestic waste. Water birds observed were Cattle egret and Pond Heron. The absence of other aquatic birds in the river is due to the poor water quality and non-availability of fishes in the river.

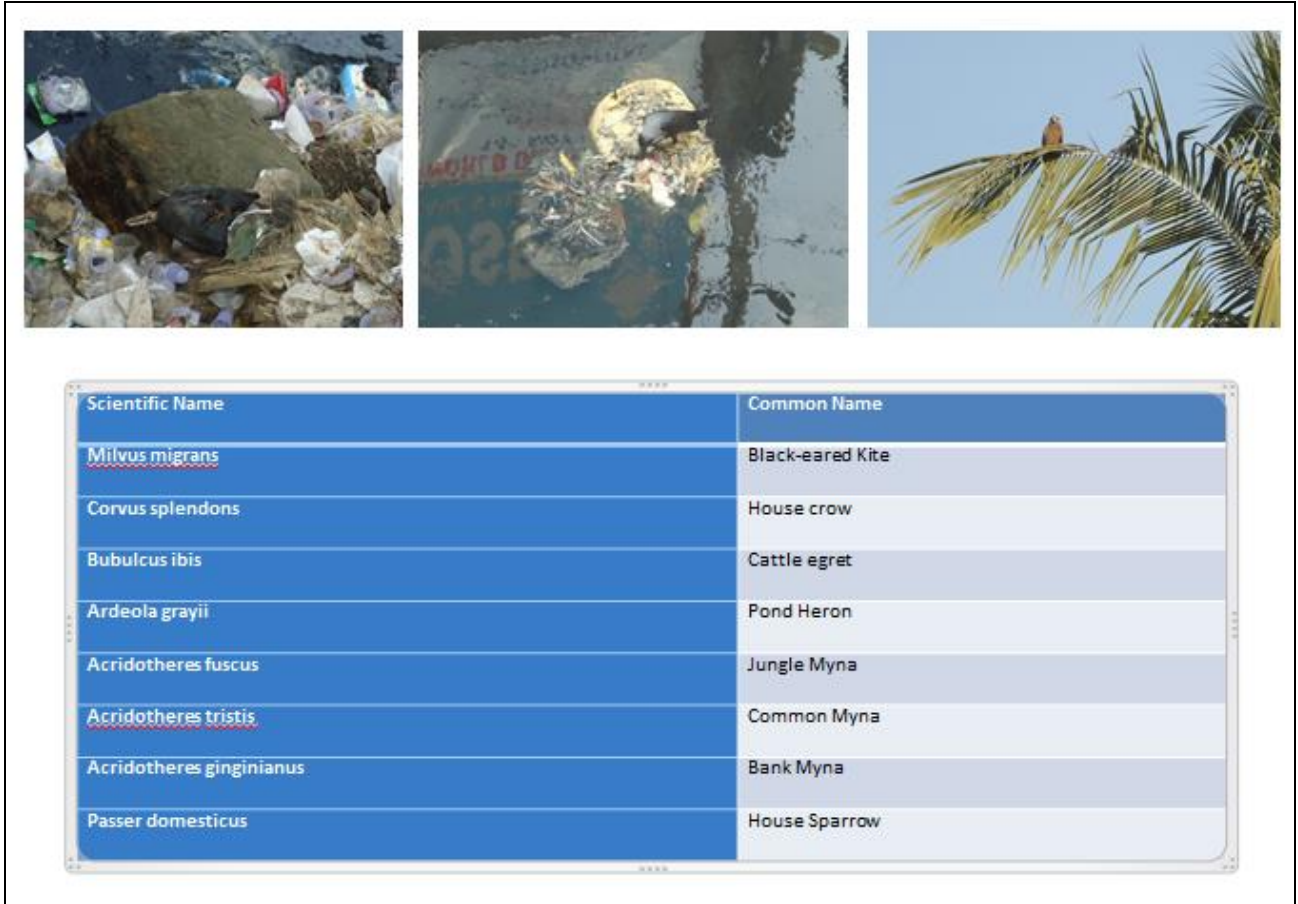


Figure 10-5 Fauna found in Bharalu

#### 10.1.2.4 Health and Sanitation in the City and around the River

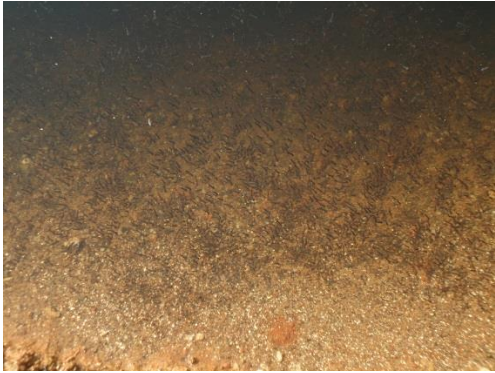
The following pictures depict the present situations of the health and sanitation conditions around the Guwahati city particularly near the River side. It is understood that the environmental conditions are worse and need an immediate action.



*Open toilet block along Bahini River  
toilet block*



*Newly constructed open*



*Mosquito Larva*



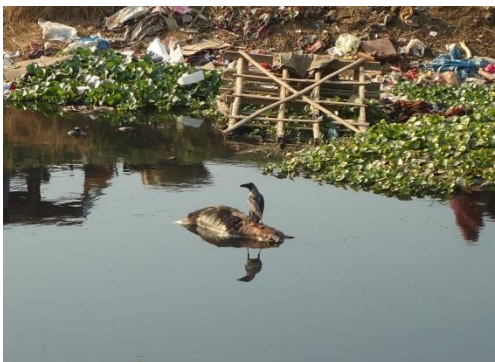
*Mosquito Breeding*



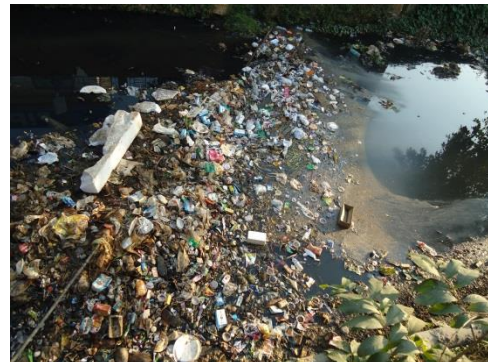
*Fish Market waste (Beltola Market)*



*Chicken shop waste inside the river*



*Dead animal floating on the river*



*Solid waste dumping*

### 10.1.2.5 Socioeconomic and Livelihood

Deepor beel provides a means of livelihood for a number of local families. Nymphaea nuts, flowers, etc., are harvested for sale in the local markets and these constitute valuable natural crops. The seeds of giant water lily, annually leased by the government revenue department, are also another major source of revenue after fish.

Cultivation of edible plants, ginger, flowers, grazing, feeding ground for ducks, washing, bathing, fishing. People collect the corms for sale, and the blades and petioles are collected as fodder for pigs

#### **Fodder collection**

Grasses from swampy area are collected for fodder purpose, during our survey we identified Colocasia esculenta leaves and petioles are collected as fodder for pigs and Eichornia crassipes leaves and petioles are collected as fodder for cows.



*Wild Taro collection*



*Water hyacinth Collection*

#### **Livestock and Poultry**

Animal husbandry is a sub-sector of agricultural economy and plays a significant role in rural economy by providing gainful employment to the small and marginal farmers, women and agricultural labourers. During our survey we identified that livestock and poultry rearing is common in the outskirts of Guwahati. The identified animals are cattle, goat, sheep, pig, fowl and duck. Vegetation on the river banks provides grazing opportunity to cattle, goat and sheep. Livestock's plays an important role in economy through production of Milk, Egg and Meat.



**Agriculture/Horticulture**

There are no agricultural activity observed along the river side, there are some minimal horticulture activities like ginger, vegetable and flower cultivation for their own use were observed.



*Ginger cultivation*



*Vegetable and flower cultivation*

**10.2 Proposed Actions to restore Bharalu River and its Environmental Impacts**

When identifying the potential impacts of a new project on the existing environment, such as the proposed Restoration of Bharalu River, it is necessary that it should be measured against the existing baseline conditions. Construction of sewer line with sewage treatment plant and there after operation of this system, if undertaken without a proper understanding of the relationships inherent in environmental function, can be accompanied by disruptions to the environment, from which it may take a long time to

regain equilibrium. In human terms, this may mean that generations must function in a debilitated environment and suffer many possible associated socio-economic hardships and financial losses.

Some of the major environmental impacts of sewerage system include damage to local ecosystems, loss of productive agricultural lands, demographic change, accelerated urbanization, and introduction of disease. The need of development and growth in the area must be matched with the conservation of the existing natural resources. In general, construction of a new sewage treatment plant will have a positive environmental impact on the City. It is expected to produce a long term improvement in public health of the residents Guwahati City as well as to significantly reduce a source of chronic water pollution in Bharalu River of an ecologically valuable portion if the water body where the sewage drains.

In-order to restore the River Quality series of actions are proposed and as follows.

### 10.2.1 Sewer network and STPs,

The Construction new sewer networks as per the plan will be of a main trenches and branches to cover the entire area. The sewer network is based on many factors such as topography of the site, proximity location of planned STP's, etc.

#### 10.2.1.1 New Sewage Treatment Plants (STPS)

The STPS will collect the sewage from its network. The STPS are strategically planned in such a way that the location is suitable to collect the sewage, treat and dispose the same. There will be sufficient number of STPs designed with due consideration given to the locations where empty/Government land is available. Construction, operation and maintenance of an STP will cause an impact in the surrounding Environment and the following matrix shows the Impact assessment.

Environmental Impact of Construction of Sewer Networks and STPs					
Parameters	Activity	Positive/No Impact	Low Impact	Moderate Impact	High Impact
Air Quality	Construction Phase		X		
	Operational Phase		X		
Water Quality	Construction Phase		X		
	Operational Phase	X			
Noise	Construction Phase		X		
	Operational Phase		X		
Odor	Construction Phase	X			

Environmental Impact of Construction of Sewer Networks and STPs					
Parameters	Activity	Positive/No Impact	Low Impact	Moderate Impact	High Impact
	Operational Phase		X		
<b>Socio-Economic</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Cultural</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			

It can be seen that the construction of Sewer networks and STPs will have positive impact on Water Quality, Odor, Cultural and Socio-Economics. The construction of the proposed sewage treatment plant may generate noise during the constructional phase due to activities of loading unloading, material handling and machine operation equipment & vehicular movement. The main sources of noise during the operations phase would include compressor and pumping station, producing wells (including occasional flaring), and vehicle traffic. Other noise pollution during operation would be generated by other mechanical equipment, and sludge dewatering units. During the operational phase of STP's there will be some noise due to the aerators and other machineries but predicted to be very low.

Inlet chamber, grit channels, screening and grit handling, aeration tanks, and sludge holding and dewatering units are the main sources of odor at the Sewage treatment plant during the operational times.

During the treatment of the Sewerage there will be some release of toxic gases which is a part of the Sewerage Treatment Plants, in the case of a domestic waste the impact expected will be low. The major temporary air pollution is dust generated as a result of these construction works. Cutting and welding operation, loading-unloading, operation is mainly responsible for the release of SPM, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, etc. However the overall impact may be rated as direct, short-term, adverse, and reversible.

The primary emission sources during the operations phase would include compressor and pumping station operations, vehicular traffic, carbon dioxide and a small quantity of Hydrogen sulphide may be produced in Aerobic Tank.

There will not be any adverse impact on the ground water quality since the treated effluent will be within the standards prescribed by the Assam Government. The contaminated discharge will be highly reduced in the River and over a period of time the restoration of natural process, like self-cleaning of the river will enhance. Also, this activity will provide employment to the people during the constructional and operational phase hence creating a positive impact due to this project.

## 10.2.2 River Front Development Activities

The Water front development activities are planned along the Bharalu about 2 km distance. This basically to enhance the River front and helping the shareholders to



sworn the ownership. There will be new walkways and the river banks will be stabilised for people to walk safely.

The Borosola beel development activities include constructing aeration fountains, walkway improvement, repair of sluice gates, walls etc., to enhance the aesthetic value of the River banks are planned. Some of these activities may cause an Impact to the Environment, the details are detailed below.

<b>Environmental Impact of River Front Development Activities</b>					
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Positive/No Impact</b>	<b>Low Impact</b>	<b>Moderate Impact</b>	<b>High Impact</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Water Quality</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Noise</b>	Construction Phase		X		
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Odor</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Socio-Economic</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Cultural</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			

The river front development activities will mainly improve the water quality in the River and due course of time the River will restore its lost glory. It is expected that the River restoration will generate socio-economic value of the people surrounding. This is because, once the River started to restore the zooplankton (fish, etc) will come to life again leading to fish catching and the treated water can be used for other domestic purposes. Also, this activity will provide employment to the people during the constructional and operational phase hence creating a positive impact due to this project.

### 10.2.3 Water Augmentation schemes and Desilting operations in Bharalu River

The Water Augmentation in Bharalu is planned by reopening the sluice gate in Bahini from Basistha with a new structure in Basistha and trenchless pipe in respected areas. The detailed project features are described below,

1. Construction of new sluice gate to divert water to the Bahinin at Nutan Bazaar
2. Construction of RCC channel to reactivate the Bahini flow.

The above two constructions will have no impact on the environment because they will be constructed in available land along the road.

The Desilting of Bharalu including removal of solid waste is a major project component. The desilting will be carried out along Bahini, Bharalu and the ded Bharalu rivers.

The following EIA matrix describes the activity Impacts.

<b>Environmental Impact of Water Augmentation and Desilting operations in Bharalu River</b>					
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Positive/No Impact</b>	<b>Low Impact</b>	<b>Moderate Impact</b>	<b>High Impact</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Water Quality</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Noise</b>	Construction Phase		X		
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Odor</b>	Construction Phase		X		
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Socio-Economic</b>	Construction Phase		X		
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Cultural</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			

Low environmental impacts are predicted during the construction phase. The construction activities may cause some noise and while removing the solid waste in the river will cause odor problems of low intensity. And during the construction phase of the

trenchless pipes, new control structure in Basistha with a sluice gate, Construction of Upstream & downstream connecting structures, including site cleaning, etc., may invite some social disturbances.

#### 10.2.4 Community toilets/ sanitation

The people living along the River side have practicing the open toilet system which creates lot of health problems and the sanitation of the area becomes worst. In-order to improve the living conditions and sanitation along the riverside community toilets were proposed at necessary places.

When it comes down to it, maintenance is the crux of the whole project. It's also the key area where one could see a long-term role for community participation for successful implementation of Community toilets and its persistent operation. A community awareness has to be planned so that the people who use the toilets, to manage it themselves. The proposed Toilets and Sanitation systems are planned for such sustainable long term use which will highly beneficial for the River restoration and improving the water quality and sanitation and also the health benefits.

<b>Environmental Impact of Construction of Community Toilets and Sanitation</b>					
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Positive/No Impact</b>	<b>Low Impact</b>	<b>Moderate Impact</b>	<b>High Impact</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Water Quality</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Noise</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Odor</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Socio-Economic</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Cultural</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			

It is expected that there will not be any environmental damage due to the Construction of Community toilets and in other hand it will help to improve the sanitation of the locality.

### 10.2.5 Solid waste management (collection, transport and disposal).

The most obvious environmental damage caused by solid wastes is aesthetic, the ugliness of street litter and degradation of the urban environment and beauty of the city. More serious, however, and often unrecognized, is the transfer of pollution to water, ground water. Air pollution can be caused from the inefficient burning of wastes, either in open air, or in plants that lack effective treatment facilities from the gaseous effluents.

Solid Waste Management involves various activities like storage, collection, transportation, disposal etc. These activities even if properly controlled and with proper precautionary measures adopted, may have adverse impact on land, water and air environment, human and environmental health, aesthetics and quality of life. The Environmental Impact Assessment may help in assessing the potential adverse effects of these activities and in formulation of precautions which could prevent these effects from taking place.

The city has a major problem in solid waste management particularly the collection and disposal. The solid waste disposal in hap hazard manner creates a huge problem for the municipality. The leachetes, direct disposal of solids into the River, runoff, turns the River into septic conditions. Unless an organic waste is appropriately managed, its adverse impact will continue until it has fully decomposed or otherwise stabilized. Uncontrolled or poorly managed intermediate decomposition products can contaminate air, water and soil resources. The wards were identified where the solid waste generation is of high threat to the Bharalu River. Hence it is proposed to have a proper solid waste management system for the wards with due interest to the collection, transport and disposal of the solid waste.

<b>Environmental Impact Assessment of Solid Waste System</b>					
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Positive/No Impact</b>	<b>Low Impact</b>	<b>Moderate Impact</b>	<b>High Impact</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Water Quality</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Noise</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Odor</b>	Construction Phase		X		
	Operational Phase	X			

Environmental Impact Assessment of Solid Waste System					
Parameters	Activity	Positive/No Impact	Low Impact	Moderate Impact	High Impact
<b>Socio-Economic</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			
<b>Cultural</b>	Construction Phase	X			
	Operational Phase	X			

The solid waste management system will facilitate improvement of water quality in and around the Bharalu River and the Ground water Conditions by avoiding the unhygienic disposal of the raw solid waste in to the River and avoiding leachates during rainy seasons. Most development activities are expected to have a beneficial effect on human health by increasing the resources available for food, education, employment, water supply, sanitation and health services. Proper management of solid waste should have minimum effects on environment and health impacts.

### 10.3 Concluding Remarks

The Environment Impact Assessment gives the following facts.

The proposed project activities will not result in any significant negative impact to Environment. Instead, various beneficial impacts have been envisaged.

The proposed measures will give a positive impact in all sectors/segments and will help to improve the river water quality to a great extent.



## 11 Stakeholder Involvement

The success of development largely lies in adopting an integrated or holistic approach that takes into account the considerations of the stakeholders, especially the people for whom it is primarily intended. Accordingly a participatory approach was used during the preparation of the DPR both at the field level and institutional levels. Specific attention was given to the people living near the river banks. Figure 11-1 illustrates a common interests form three key sectors – Public, private and the civil society/community.

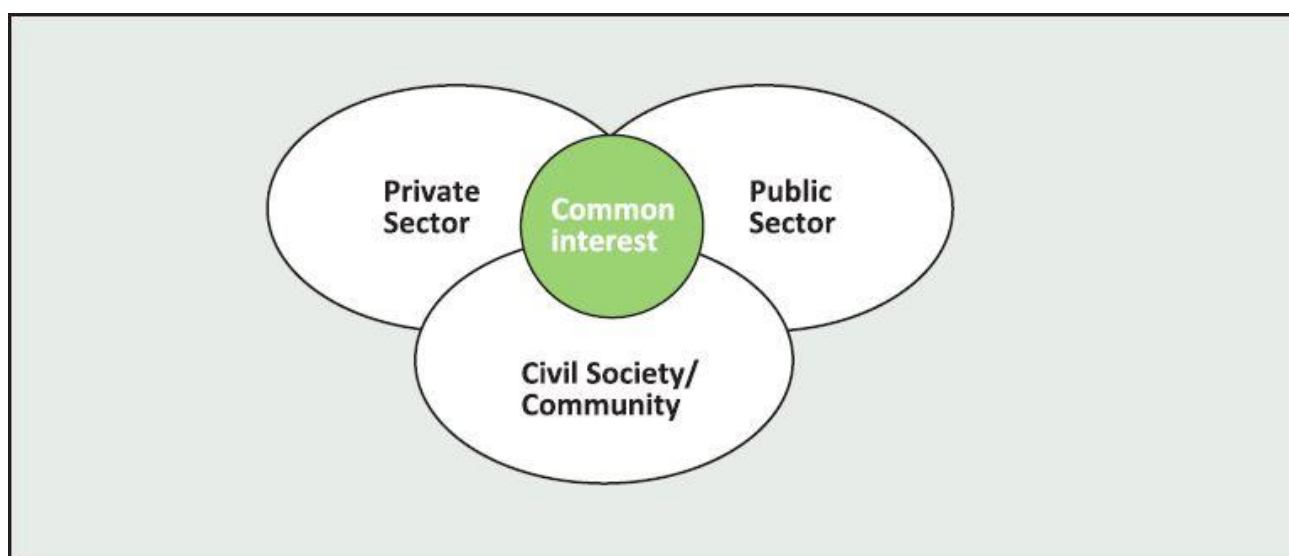


Figure 11-1 Common Interest sectors for river restoration

### 11.1 Initial fact finding meetings

After the contract signing, consultants visited various departments and local authorities to collect the data and information about the project. The discussions also were help with the locals.

- Pollution Control Board
- Water Resource Department
- Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority
- Town and Country Planning
- Guwahati Municipal Corporation
- Other government/non-government agencies related to this project
- Local Community

Table 11-1: List of officials with whom the consultations were held.

S.No.	Name	Designation	Agency
1	Mr. Gokul Bhuyan	Executive Engineer	Pollution Control Board, Assam
4	Mr. Deka	Executive Engineer	East Division, Water Resource Department
2	Mr. Roy	Executive Engineer	Guwahati Mechanical Division, Water Resource Department
3	Mr. M.Sharma	Assistant Engineer	East Division, Water Resource Department
5	Mr. Dilip Pathak	Chief Engineer	Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority
6	various	community members	members of the community living around the river were met and consulted about the problems as well as remedial measures.

## 11.2 Community consultations

The Table 11-1 shows a list of some of the officials and others consulted so far. Various community members, who are concerned with the conditions of the Bharalu River, were consulted at different locations. They provided valuable suggestions to restoration of Bharalu. The consultation is an on-going process and during the course of the project the consultations will be continuing.

The Inception report along with initial recommendations of conservation measures were presented to PCBA at the Inception Workshop held on December 4, 2013. Suggestions and feedback obtained from the PCBA team and invited experts were considered in the CSP as well as are being incorporated in the DPR. The consultant team interviewed several members of the community, who reside along the Bharalu river and are affected by the present quality of river. A resident indicated that the increased flow of freshwater from the Basistha into the Bahini by opening the existing sluice gate (which has been permanently closed) will help to improve the river conditions (Figure 11-2).

During the field visits to Guwahati town, especially in Zone 1, where Bharalu exists, the consultations with local people at various places along the Bharalu river were held about water quality, Sanitation and Sewerage etc.

The consultant team met a group of morning walkers, who emphasized the need for a clean river (Figure 11-2). A lady who lives in close proximity to the bank of the Bharalu explained the flooding/water logging issues faced by the residents during the rainy season (Figure 11-3). A street vendor who runs a makeshift tea stall directly over the Bharalu, selling food to locals indicated that his business will expand significantly, if the Bharalu was cleaned as it will attract more people to buy food from his shop (Figure 11-3).





Figure 11-2: Interactions with local people during field trips in Guwahati-I.



Figure 11-3 Interaction with public along Bharalu river

### 11.3 Inception Workshop

The inception report was presented in the Inception Workshop held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, 2013 to the Pollution Control Board. The workshop was chaired by Mr. Dubey, Chairman, Pollution Control Board Assam. Table 11-2 provides the list of participants who attended the Inception workshop.

Table 11-2: List of Stakeholder that attended the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

S.No.	Name	Designation, Organisation
1	Mr. R M Dubey	Chairman, Pollution Control Board
2	Mr. R.M.Das	Consultant, GMDA
3	Mr. Dutta	Consultant, PCBA
4	Mr. Gokul Bhuyan	Executive officer, River and Lake conservation cell
5	Prof Chandan Mahanta	Professor, IIT Guwahati
6	Dr Guna Nidhi Paudyal	Managing Director, DHI (India)
7	Mr. Subrata Mazumdar	Vice President, The Louis Berger Group (India)
8	Dr Flemming Jakobsen	Technical Director, DHI (India)
9	Mr. Louis Ragozzino	Waste Water Expert, The Louis Berger Group
10	Mr. Harshad Dhande	Waste Water and Sewerage Expert, DHI (India)
11	Mr. Rajiv Sinha	The Louis Berger Group, Inc.
12	Mr. Lalit Mohan	Remote Sensing Expert, DHI(India) Water and Environment

13	Mr. Rupesh Gupta	Project Coordinator, DHI(India) Water and Environment
14	Prof. Tarun Acharya	Solid Waste Management, The Louis Berger Group
15	Mr. Ayan Dey	Cost Estimation Expert, The Louis Berger Group

The agenda of the workshop, in addition to discuss the Inception Report, was to review the overall progress of the project, identification of pollution sources and possible solutions to conserve the river as per NRCD guidelines. The suggestions of the committee members and experts present in the work shop are provided below:

- All the experts and officials from PCBA mentioned that the flow augmentation from Basistha river into Bahini river should be considered, so that some flow is there in Bharalu. The possibility of maintaining the Flow in Bharalu by using sluice gate and weir at Basistha river should be given a thought.
- Sewage Collection and Treatment, including Decentralized STPs.
- Solid Waste Collection and Management, particularly along river banks
- No use of plastic bags (subsidized jute/cloth bags)
- Removal of Legacy Pollution from river bed with measures like dredging
- Improving hygiene and sanitation conditions by community toilets and hygienic facilities like provision of washing and bathing ghats
- Community access and benefits by providing human connections to the waterway using greenways along the waterfront and points of interest
- Awareness to educate the community on conservation features and ecological resources.
- Setting of monitoring systems for flood and water quality monitoring as well as generating warnings & dissemination.

## 11.4 Stakeholder Consultation Workshop

After the submission of City Sanitation Plan for Guwahati, covering Bharalu river stretch, the stakeholder meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 by Pollution Control Board Assam (PCBA) in Guwahati to discuss various options proposed by consultant and the findings during the study. List of stakeholders who attended the meeting is given in Table 11-3.

Table 11-3: List of stakeholders that attended the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

Sl No.	Details of Attending Stakeholder			
	Name	Designation	Association	Contact Phone #
1	R. M. Dubey	Chairman	PCBA	+91 9435067690

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4	V. B. Pyarelal	Additional Chief Secretary	GDD & PDD	
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6	R. M. Das	Consultant and Member NRLCC	GMDA	+91 9864046288
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14	Raed El-Farhan	Vice President	LBG	
15	Guna Nidhi Paudyal	Managing Director	DHI	
16	Jaideep Baruah			
17	Rakesh Roymedhi	Secretary General	ACC	+91 9864538045
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24	K. K. Dutta		PCBA	
26	I. Dey	AEE	PCBA	
27	M. Bora	Senior Environmental Engineer	PCBA	
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32	Lalit Mohan	GIS Specialist	DHI	
33	Sandeep Gupta	Environmental Engineer	DHI	
34	R. Samuel Devadoss	Coastal Engineer	DHI	

Stakeholder meeting started at 11.00am and Chairman, PCBA explained the project to stakeholders and also requested to give their opinion on the options proposed by consultants for waste water and solid waste management in City sanitation Plan. After that Dr. Guna from DHI presented the problems of Bharalu River and various measures planned for Bharalu river conservation. His presentation focused on the following points.

- 1) Sources of pollution the river Bharalu.
- 2) Solid Waste Management along the Bharalu river stretch in Guwahati
- 3) Possible measures for restoration of Bharalu river.

Mr. R. M. Dubey, Chairman of Pollution Control Board of Assam (PCBA) welcomed the attendees to the Stakeholder Meeting held on December 18, 2013 in Guwahati, Assam, India. Special mention was made to the presence of Mr. Krishnal, Principal Secretary, Forest Department of Assam, Mr. Pyarelal, Additional Chief Secretary of GDD & PDD. He also welcomed other representatives from various institutional stakeholders (namely, GMC, GMDA, WRD, Irrigation Department, etc

Mr. Krishnal, Principal Secretary, Forest Department of Assam thanked PCBA for taking the initiative about the restoration of Bharalu and Kolong Rivers. He also was appreciative that Government of India (GoI) had provided the funds for the creation of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). He indicated that the project has been going on for a while and was hopeful that the work being undertaken at this time will be successful in its objectives. With that he welcomed all the attendees to the Stakeholders Meeting.

Mr. Mazumder stressed upon the importance of the Stakeholder Meeting and obtaining input from all present in order to develop a more inclusive DPR. He indicated that it would be wise to consider the potential to install decentralized Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) within the footprint of the Bharalu to avoid land acquisition issues.

Mr. Raed El-Farhan, LBG, requested the stakeholders to ponder upon the proposed options and urged them to provide feedback, as it was crucial to the formulation of the DPR.

Mr. Dubey explained how the water quality of Bharalu will be augmented by bringing it from Bahini as the existing control structure/sluice gate had been closed for over 20 years. Mr. Mazumder stated that the proposal was to refurbish the sluice gate by installing underground pipe using trenchless pipe technology, thereby limiting the disruption in the lives of residents who live around the sluice gate structure. The goal would be to divert approximately 500 liters/second flow from Basistha into Bahini/Bharalu. Additionally, remote telemetry equipment will be installed in the Bharalu river system to enable monitoring of the water flow/level/quality measurements to control the flow between Basistha and Bahini.

Mr. Dubey agreed that it was a good plan as it was not desirable to have flood waters from Brahmaputra into the city. He continued that the DPR should also address measures to maintain minimum water level in Bharalu from Bharalumukh to Joymati Road/Borsola Beel to allow for river rafting and boating activities. It in his opinion will add beauty to the city.

Mr. R. M. Das, Consultant for GMDA requested information about the proposed plan of action for Dead Bharalu (Morabharalu). Untreated wastewater was finding its way from Basistha and Dead Bharalu into Deepor Beel and was deteriorating the condition of the beel to a point where its Ramsar site status may be withdrawn. He stated that by installing a STP for the city will help in restoring the water quality of the effluent entering the beel. Mr. Paudyal stated that the stakeholder's opinion calls for restoration of Bharalu. He cautioned that if a centralized STP was installed, water from the Bharalu system will be returned back to the Bharalu rendering it dry. Therefore, Mr. Paudyal reiterated the proposal for multiple STPs along Bharalu. Mr. R. M. Das requested the the LBG/DHI team review the Noonmati Basin Project as it may provide solutions for

increasing the water flow in Bharalu from the Brahmaputra at the Bonda Sluice gate. He suggested that the LBG/DHI team discuss this further with GMDA.

There were questions about solid waste disposals from the participants to which Prof Tarun Acharya and Mr Dubey provided the explanations as well as also highlighted the limitations of this particular projects.

Mr. Dubey, thanked all attendees in the stakeholders meeting. He stated that the presentations for both Bharalu and Kolong River DPRs were an eye opener that the conservation and restoration of these river systems were in process. He noted that these two DPRs is a special initiative taken up by his Honorable Chief Minister (CM) of Assam for 2013-2015 and the goal was to present the findings for CM review by January 15, 2014. He explained that funds have been sectioned for restoration of the two rivers. He requested everyone present to send their frank comments and opinions expeditiously in the next two days to the Pollution and Conservation Cell of PCBA and additional stakeholder meeting will be held when the DPRs are ready. He asked all attendees to join for lunch and thereafter adjourned the meeting.



Figure 11-4 Stakeholders Meeting at Guwahati

## 11.5 Public Consultation Workshop

A public consultation workshop is planned to be held on 6 January 2014 at Guwahati to discuss the draft DPR and obtain feedback from public. The Draft DPR has been published in the PCBA Website ([www.pcbassam.org](http://www.pcbassam.org)). PCBA has published a general information in newspapers (Figure 11-5) informing the public about the DPR's availability in its website as well as about the public consultation meetings on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Findings of the consultation meeting will be incorporated in the Final DPR.

## 11.6 Consultation with other officials and individuals

The formal and informal discussions were held with the government officials from NMB, WRD, Forest Department, Agriculture Department, Town and Country Planning department, NE Council for Science and Technology, etc. The discussions also held with academicians from IIT, Guwahati, Assam Engineering College, Guwahati University, College of Fisheries. The informal discussions were held with the renowned retired personalities of government departments and academic institutions in Assam.



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Dated Guwahati, the 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2013

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Sub: Stake Holder Meeting on DPRs for Conservation and Restoration of Bharalu & Kolong Rivers.

As a special initiative of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam and the Environment and Forest Minister, Govt. of Assam the task of preparation of DPR for revival/conservation of Bharalu & Kolong rivers for seeking funding from National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD), Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF), Govt. of India has been entrusted to Pollution Control Board, Assam (PCBA).

In pursuance to the above, Pollution Control Board, Assam has engaged the Joint venture of "The Louis Berger Group, INC (USA) & DHI (India) Water and Environment Pvt. Ltd." as consultants for preparation of DPRs as per guidelines of NRCD.

The consultants have prepared the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the DPR i.e. City Sanitation Plans (CSP) for Bharalu and Kolong catchment which are uploaded in the PCBA's website [www.pcbassam.org](http://www.pcbassam.org) and draft DPRs will be available in Board's website by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013.

The Board and the Consultants held inter-departmental consultation on CSP on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at Guwahati and Nagaon respectively.

The Board invites the opinion/suggestion from all concerned citizens, Non-Governmental Organizations, Govt. Departments and Civic-Society Organizations for incorporation in draft or making necessary amendments in CSP and draft DPR so that a technically sound and people friendly DPRs strictly in accordance with guidelines of NRCD could be presented before them for funding. The suggestions may kindly be sent by email to [chairman@pcbassam.org](mailto:chairman@pcbassam.org) or [membersecretary@pcbassam.org](mailto:membersecretary@pcbassam.org) within 06-01-2014.

The Board has further decided to hold series of Stake Holders meetings as per Schedule given below and invites Civic Society Members, Senior Citizens, NGOs, Voluntary Agencies, Govt. Departments etc. having knowledge & expertise useful in formulating the DPRs for conservation and restoration for these two rivers for discussion-

Sl. No.	Date	Time	Venue for Stake Holders Meeting
1	03.01.2014	11.00 AM Onwards	Shwahid Bhawan, Nagaon
2	04.01.2014	Do	Zila Parishad Conference Hall, Morigaon
3	06.01.2014	Do	District Library Auditorium, Dighali Pukhuri, Guwahati

The Board solicits the presence of all the distinguished citizens to share their views to help it in formulating a technically sound and people friendly conservation and restoration DPRs for the said two rivers.

Sd/-  
(Dr. R.M. Dubey)  
Chairman

Figure 11-5 Public notice by PCBA



## 12 Education and Public Awareness Schemes

### 12.1 Introduction

Any river conservation project to be implemented successfully, public awareness is of utmost importance. Unless the public are made aware about the irreversible damage and pollution caused by indiscriminate littering and dumping of waste and garbage in drains and water bodies connected to Bharalu River, the project cannot be implemented in true sense of the word to achieve conservation. Some members of the communities are already aware that there is a need for Bharalu conservation programme and that they will benefit from it. Hence, it should be ensured that;

- The communities are effectively involved in all the stages of the project cycle from conceptualization, to preparation, to finalization, to implementation and finally O & M.
- Public Awareness & Public Participation should be a front-end activity of the project.
- The entire programme of conservation should be conceived, formulated, implemented, monitored and evaluated in close consultation with the stake holding communities.

Therefore, education and awareness programmes are key to the sustainability of the various components implemented as part of the river restoration project.

### 12.2 Enhancement of public awareness & public participation

The Bharalu river pollution is a manmade crisis which calls for concurrent initiative and intervention by several quarters including the public. The following activities will be carried out.

- Sensitization of local population on the environmental crisis they have brought upon themselves in the form of polluting the Bharalu river.
- Educating the public in scientific but simple terms about pollutants, untreated sewage and noxious matters in the Bharalu river and their impact on flora and fauna.
- Educate the people on health problems (skin diseases, gastro-intestinal infection etc) arising out of using the polluted and dirty waters of Bharalu.
- Educate the people and make them aware of the health hazards involved in the consumption of milk and meat products from animals that drink polluted water, as well as the consumption of vegetables grown on the beds and banks of polluted Bharalu river.
- Educate the people and motivate them to segregate domestic waste and to use bio degradable packaging products.
- Work with religious leaders to educate people regarding risks of immersion of idols in the rivers.
- Provide information on STPs in different locations and other planned technical works, as it is likely to motivate them to adopt pollution prevention practices.

- Low income households may be informed about low cost sanitation and stop open air defecation.
- Organise extensive media campaign for different target groups, devise messages, and choose medium, format and time slot so as to maximize campaign's reach and impact. The campaign may draw upon traditional media (puppet show etc.) as well as modern media (street play, video clipping etc) to reach the message of river restoration. Develop procedure to obtain feedback of the presentations under the campaign, both in quantitative and qualitative terms so that mid course corrections are introduced and desired impact is obtained.
- Organise exposure visit for community leaders, NGOs and civil society members to other states to observe best practices adopted in river restoration, hygiene and sanitation improvement.

In order to carry out the above activities successfully partnership will be required to be developed with NGOs and civil society including community based organizations (CBO). Therefore, a cost component is included in the project budget for these activities.

### 12.3 Education and awareness based on issues

Education and awareness programmes can be effective if they are conducted focussing on specific issues rather than on general aspects. In the conservation of the Bharalu River the public awareness and education will focus on the following issues:

- To address the sources of pollutants causing the degradation of the Bharalu river. The most pressing issue is disposal of garbage into the river and its banks. Therefore, major efforts related to community education will be focussed on stopping the disposal of garbage near the river.
- Development, improvement, use and maintenance of river front walkways, parks and other amenities. For example, the river front facilities may be flooded during monsoon. The community should be prepared on the flooding issues by installing a flood warning system. After the floods, the communities should be motivated to repair the facilities and clean them off accumulated sediments, debris and waste.
- To remove existing encroachments and refrain from new encroachments in the river banks.
- To utilize the open space along the river and organise socio-cultural and business activities.

### 12.4 Specific awareness campaign against for solid waste dumping

The main objectives of conducting public awareness programs is to educate public about the effects of solid waste on the health, hygiene & environment and to encourage them in participating solid waste management activities in order to safeguard the Bharalu River and its surroundings from solid waste pollution.

The education plan must begin by introducing people to waste management needs and concepts, explaining clearly how to participate, and then effectively encouraging them to adopt the desired waste management behaviour. Once people are participating in the programme, incentives and reinforcements can be used to maintain and increase participation rates.

Developing an effective education programme requires planning and research. Different strategies will need to be used for different groups, such as homeowners, apartment dwellers, business people, slum dwellers, market committees, and school children. However, it must be noted that awareness campaigns on SWM are effective when they are coordinated with Municipal actions.

Prior to implementing Public Awareness Strategies the following base works are proposed to be adopted by the PMU before implementation of full-fledged public awareness programmes.

➤ **Identification of Groups of People to be addressed**

- Residential Areas: Community may be classified into three categories
  - High Income Group - the affording
  - Middle Income Group - educated, sensitive, less affording
  - Low Income Group – un-affording
- Markets /Commercial Area s/ Offices/ Banks etc.: These places may be classified into three broad categories
  - Vegetable Markets
  - Shopping areas
  - Offices/Institutional areas

➤ **Identification of the Issues in Solid Waste Management for Which Community awareness is Essential**

- (1) The Solid Waste Management involves several stages of activities where people's participation is critically required in some of them and the PMU has to do the rest of the work. It has been envisaged that people's participation is essential in the following issues and public awareness programme must include them with greater emphasis.
  - Reduce, Reuse & Recycling (R R R) of waste
  - Storage of organic/bio-degradable and recyclable waste separately at source
  - Not to throw the waste/litter on the streets/roads, drains, open spaces, water bodies, etc.
  - Responding adequately during primary collection of waste
  - Community storage/collection of waste in flats, multi-storied buildings, societies, commercial complexes, etc.
  - Pay adequately for the services provided.
- (2) Door to door collection system is proposed for primary collection system. Hence, it is very important to apprise the community of the system's merits and demerits.

The actual public awareness program should be conducted in the three modes. In the first Mode, the implementers (PMU) will provide information and directives to the citizens; in Mode II, people will directly interact with the implementers at spot and in the third one people will convey their opinion and information to the PMU to have feedback and action from PMU. For each mode of awareness, some tools and components are recommended in Table 12.1 for sustainable progress of the programme.

Table 12.1: Tools and Components Required for Different Modes of Public Awareness Programs

MODE- I - Information dissemination	MODE-II – Interaction, dissemination and input of information	MODE-III- Input of information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of Print Media</li> <li>• Use of TV /</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass Awareness Camp</li> <li>• Involvement of School Children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opinion Survey</li> <li>• Information</li> </ul>

<p><b>Cable TV / Radio</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Use of Cinema Halls</b></li> <li>• <b>Posters</b></li> <li>• <b>Pamphlets</b></li> <li>• <b>Booklet</b></li> <li>• <b>Hoarding</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involvement of Religious Leaders</li> <li>• Involvement of Medical Practitioners</li> <li>• Involvement of Women Associations</li> <li>• Resident Associations</li> <li>• Voluntary Organizations/NGO involvement</li> </ul>	<p>Hot-line and Post Box Number</p>
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Strategy proposed to be followed for effective implementation of public awareness programme is presented in Figure 12-1. It is proposed that the public awareness activities should continue for a period of three years unless the objective is achieved before that time.

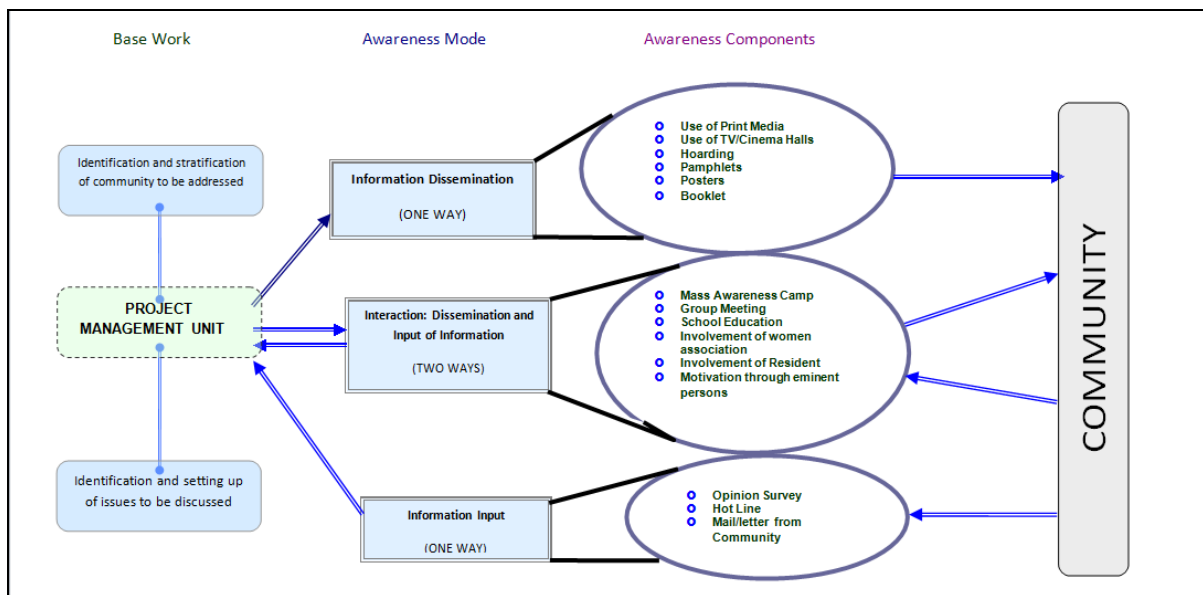


Figure 12-1 Strategy for Public Awareness Program against solid waste dumping

Figure 12-2 shows an example of newspaper campaign being done by GMC on solid waste management.

**GMC**



## How can you help in keeping the city clean ?

- Dispose your garbage only in the dustbins or designated areas near you between 7:00 in the evening and 6:00 next morning.
- Commercial establishments/ offices are required to have their own dustbins at their respective compounds. Don't throw garbage just about anywhere at any time other than as stipulated above.
- Don't throw garbage on the lanes/byelanes/undesignated areas or drains at all.
- Educate your children and domestic help about the garbage disposal rules as mentioned above.
- You may be fined for the mistakes of your domestic help. Keep an eye on the habits of garbage disposal of your neighbours. You may be fined for their mistakes as well.
- When cleaning your compound or trimming plants or bushes or dismantling of building make sure that the garden waste and/ or debris like broken bricks, wooden planks, plastics etc. are gathered in your compound and disposed off with the help of GMC personnel on cost recovery basis.
- Pay municipal taxes timely and avoid penalty.
- Commercial establishments should renew their trade licenses on time as required to avoid punishment.

**Anyone found to be flouting the rules and throwing garbage on the streets, lanes or drains will be fined with ₹ 500 [Five hundred] per day. In case of wrong doings, trade licences of commercial establishments will be cancelled.**

***Your co-operation will help keeping the city clean.***

**Commissioner**  
Guwahati Municipal Corporation

**For any queries or complaints, contact Solid Waste Management Branch, GMC @ 9864038368**

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Figure 12-2 GMC's Newspaper campaign on Solid Waste (Source: Assam Tribune, 22 Dec 2013)

## 12.5 Partnership for education and awareness programmes

Partnership will be developed with a number of local and national agencies to plan, implement and coordinate the education and awareness programmes. Some of the known agencies are: Centre for Environment Education, Nature's Beacon, Environ, Aaranyak, TERI (Northeast). Local community organizations like the Mahila Samity, Rotary club, Lion's club, are also identified with a view to involve them on issues relating to protection and improvement and cleaning of the Bharalu River, and its sub-drains. A massive program of environment education and awareness is imperative for saving the Bharalu River from further degradation.

## 12.6 Monitoring

There will be monitoring of social issues like public awareness, and public participation in the project both at the initial stage and during the course of its progress. It is mostly seen that often in projects, success depends mainly on active participation of the public as well as their awareness and compliance to the specifications set out in the project. Although initial enthusiasm by the public is noticed in many projects, at the later stage, unless sufficiently monitored, public often becomes negligent and their interest fritters away. To sustain public awareness and participation, periodic monitoring is a must and whenever necessary, awareness campaign has to be undertaken.

## 12.7 Cost Estimate

The total cost for this component is estimated at INR 300.00 lakhs for the following sub- components

1. Development of IEC materials
2. Public awareness programmes including media campaigns
3. Partnership programmes with local and national resources centers, cultural groups etc.
4. Engagement of NGOs for 3 years
5. Exposure visits for community leaders, CBO and NGO staff

## 13 Capacity Building and Training

### 13.1 Introduction

According to UNDP (2007), capacity is defined as “the ability of individuals, institutions and societies to perform functions, solve problems, and set and achieve objectives in a sustainable manner.” Following this definition, three levels of interventions are considered in terms of capacity building for river restoration in Assam in general and for the conservation of Bharalu in Guwahati, in particular. As shown in Figure 13-1 and Table 13-1 the three key levels of capacity building are environment, organisation, and individual.

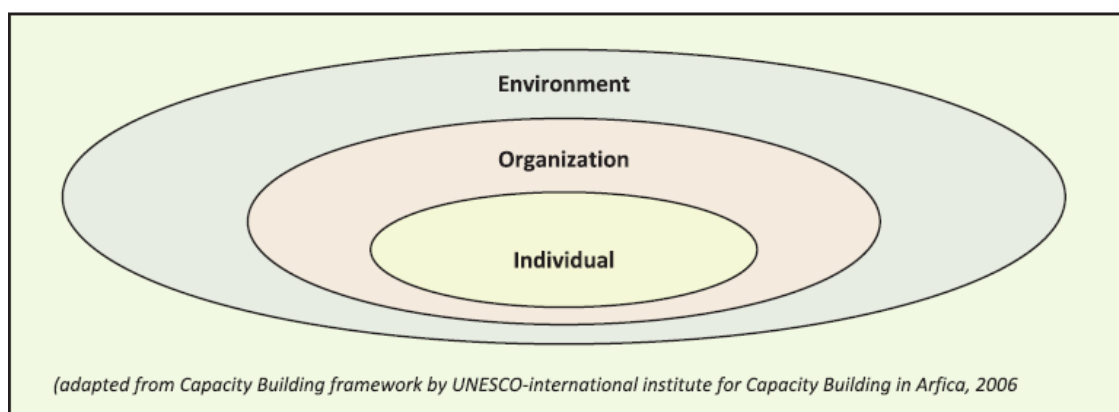


Figure 13-1 Levels of Capacity Building

the river conservation and restoration interventions required at the environmental level include legal and policy frameworks. Other environmental level factors such as economic, social, cultural, political and administrative are also important for the success of a river restoration programme. Therefore, these should be considered when designing and implementing the capacity building programmes. In this group of environmental-related factors, good governance plays a critical role.

Table 13.1 Levels of Capacity Building

Levels of Capacity	Definitions of capacity & elements on which capacity is based
Environmental level	<p><b>The environmental conditions necessary for demonstrating capacity at individual and organisational levels.</b></p> <p>This includes systems and frameworks necessary for the formation/implementation of policies &amp; strategies beyond an individual organisations. These are various dimensions of the environment, such as allocation of tasks to different organisations, administrative, legal, technological, political, economic, social and cultural, that impinge on the effectiveness and sustainability of capacity building efforts.</p>

Organizational level	<p><b>It refers to anything that will influence an organisation's performance.</b></p> <p>It includes: human resources (capacities of individuals in the organisation); physical resources (for example, facilities, equipment and materials) and capital; intellectual resources, management, process management (for example, problem solving skills, decision-making process and communications.); inter-institutional linkages (for example network and partnership); incentive and reward systems; organisational culture and leadership.</p>
Individual	<p><b>(or Human Resources Development) Level. The will and ability of an individual to set objectives and achieve them using one's knowledge and skills.</b></p> <p>Individual capacity building is also referred to as human resources development. It includes knowledge, skills, values, attitude and health, and awareness. It can be developed through various ways such as formal, non-formal and/or informal education, training and on-the-job-training.</p>

During the DPR preparation, two broad principles of capacity building were considered: i) emphasizing the ownership by organisations; and ii) recognising capacity building as a long-term process.

## 13.2 Institutional Arrangement

Many times there is an overlap in the roles of several bodies with the result that the efficiency with which the function should be performed suffers. The state Government needs to resolve such overlaps. The role of each institution involved needs to be very clearly specified. As the Bharalu River flows through diverse landscape, catering to various needs, multiple agencies can be having different roles in its management. That is why, an umbrella organization with core overall responsibility coordinating with all such bodies listed below will be necessary to avoid overlap or any conflict of interest.

- Pollution Control Board of Assam
- Guwahati Municipal Corporation
- Guwahati Municipal Development Authority
- Public Health Engineering Department, Assam
- Town and Country Planning Department, Assam
- Water Resources Department, Assam

The institutions that are involved in the conservation programme of the Bharalu River and the towns on its bank suffer from certain weaknesses that need to be overcome. Major among them are:

- Lack of adequate and trained manpower
- Lack of sufficient technical knowledge and awareness
- Lack of decision making capacity
- Lack of tools and utilities
- Lack of coordination between concerned departments
- Absence of an established institutional mechanism



It is expected that with the formation of a dedicated agency with adequate devolution of power, most of the above shortcomings can be addressed.

### 13.2.1 Project management Unit

For the implementation of the project, a Project Management Unit (PMU) will be established under PCBA, which will take care of funds related to the project and manage the planning and implementation of the project. PMU will ensure a clear allocation of funds for the management of the activities related to the project and will orient the internal organization towards an integrated functioning of the project. Such board form of management will ensure a clear cut budget and allocation of expenditures, allows better management of tasks and integrated planning, execution and maintenance of the project. PMU will also coordinate with all the departments connected with the project and the general stakeholders. PMU will be supported by a Project Management Consultant (PMC) during the project implementation period. Capacity building needs of PMU include, but not limited to the following:

- **Administrative:** Administrative capacity building would focus on strengthening of administrative functioning of the project and also to ensure accountability and transparency.
- **Legal:** Legal capacity building initiative would include adherence to all regulations pertaining to river water pollution.
- **Project management:** For the Successful project management, manpower skills would be enhanced through sufficient and relevant training, and sufficient physical and financial resources would be generated during the course of the project to deal with all the aspects mentioned above in all the phases of the project.
- **Human resources:** Human resources are increasingly recognized as a key asset of any successful and visionary project plan. Poorly trained human resources leads to poor performance and functioning of the project and will lead to ill management and poor quality in performance. Human Resources Development will deal with appropriate skill development in the organizations involved in the planning, design and management of the project. The main activities are listed below.

### 13.3 Capacity Building Framework

Figure 13.2 presents a capacity building framework used for designing and implementing capacity building programmes.

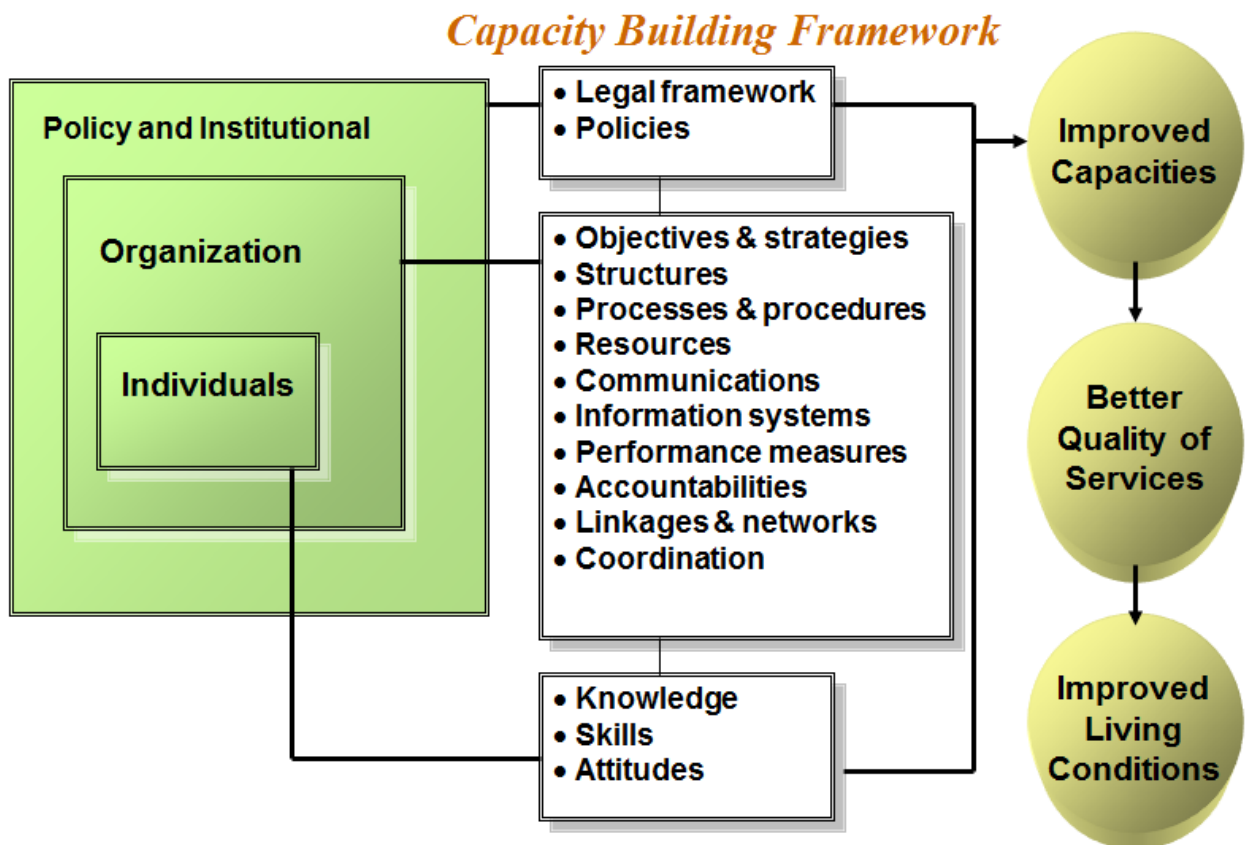


Figure 13-2 Capacity building framework

### 13.4 Training needs Assessment

Human resources and related training needs are different for different fields. For example, for a sewerage system, there is the necessity of identifying the manpower training needs in managing the sewerage plants, power stations, in monitoring water quality and maintenance of equipment. Skilled manpower is needed, particularly for maintenance of developed works, equipment and manning of the sewerage and pumping stations. For the handling of various instruments, special training is needed as good handling of the machine increases their lifespan; moreover, regular wear and tear of the machinery can be rectified and repaired by the project manpower if they are trained appropriately. This will go a long way in reducing unnecessary overhead costs.

Presently, different organizations viz. PHED, AUWS&SB and GMC are responsible in different areas of Guwahati cities for the issues related to Sewerage. Though most of the employees of the existing organizations are qualified by education required for the O & M of the Sewerage system, they are not trained to handle and properly operate and maintain, the latest equipment of drain cleaning. They are not aware of preventive maintenance, resulting in reoccurrence of flooding in same place during monsoon. Training on Concept of separate sewerage system and its merits and demerits is required.

Recruitment of trained engineering personnel for management of sewerage works is an important issue confronting the organizations in Assam. Special efforts to impart in-service training or continuing professional education should go along with employment of such personnel. In view of the rapidly changing pace of technology, engineers need to get updated periodically about newly incorporated instruments and technologies through

training and workshops. Enhancement of knowledge, both operational and theoretical will help in running such services smoothly.

Training employees at different levels is recognized as an essential aspect in any public utility agency. However, training cannot end with just one course. To be effective, it has to be a continuous process. In Guwahati, due to lack of sufficient training of field staff, maintenance personnel and engineers, public utility systems like the GMC, GMDA do not function satisfactorily. It is therefore necessary to provide intensive training to the operation staff which may include:

- Dealing with public and stakeholders
- Importance of proper and efficient sewerage
- Importance of proper and efficient sewerage system
- Advanced training of handling instruments and other accessories required for maintenance work
- Training on maintenance of instruments and works
- Emergency restoration work after flooding and choking of drains
- Efficiency in record keeping
- others

The outcome of the training will include

- Increased efficiency with advanced knowledge
- Organizational uplifting including economics
- Improvement in quality of Sewerage system;
- Improved public relations; and
- Improved public health conditions due to superior quality and efficient maintenance by trained O & M staff

The following training needs have been identified for the operational staff

- Basic principle of Sewerage, catchment areas, runoff etc.
- Basic Knowledge in the working of Sewerage cleaning equipments.
- Reasons of blockage of drains
- Reasons of Flooding & Flood mitigation methods
- Preventive maintenance of electrical and mechanical equipment
- Attending to minor repairs, major repairs – procedure to be followed
- Log books – maintenance & upkeep of records
- Importance of keeping good health and hygiene
- Management crises in the operation & Maintenance

Local agencies are capable for providing technical training for operational staff. Some of them are:

- Industrial Institute of Technology, Guwahati – This organization can conduct training for field staff
- Government Engineering College, Guwahati conduct can short term courses for Sewerage
- Institution of Engineers (India), Guwahati Center, can also conduct training course for O & M for field staff
- The Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
- State Resource Centre, Department of Public Health and Engineering, Guwahati
- Staff College

These Institutions, which have an interest in the subject, may be asked to develop training modules required for specific needs of the project. They should be involved on a long-term basis so that they develop expertise in all the aspects of this programme. They should be involved in various aspects and activities of the programme.

## 13.5 Training Programmes

Code	Training module	Organisations	Staff
T-1	Concepts and advances in river restoration and conservation	PCBA, GMDA, GMC, MOEF	Senior administrative officials
T-2	Effluent monitoring & management (enforcement)	PCBA, PHED	Senior technical and managerial staff
T-3	Operation and maintenance of STPs, Pumps	PCBA, GMDA, PHED	Technical operational staff
T-4	Maintenance of sewerage network including structures	PCBA, GMDA, GMC	Technical operational staff
T-4	River monitoring and operation of water augmentation structures	WRD, PCBA	Technical staff
T-5	Maintenance of river front works	PCBA, private sector	Managerial and maintenance staff
T-6	Public awareness and educational programmes	PCBA, GMC, NOGs, civil society members	All levels
T-7	Solid waste management	Solid waste handlers (sweepers, collectors, loaders, drivers etc.)	All levels
T-8	Project Management	PCBA, GMDA, GMC	Administrative and managerial officials
T-9	Exposure, knowledge enhancement	PCBA, GMDA, GMC	Attending national & international seminars & conferences

The above training programmes will be conducted in Assam, India and abroad.

## 13.6 Cost Estimate

Code	Training module	No. of training (one week duration)	Training venue	No of trainees in one batch	Total Cost (lakhs)
T-1	Concepts and advances in river restoration and conservation	2	Thailand, Singapore	6	20.00
T-2	Effluent monitoring & management (enforcement)	2	India/ NEERI	6	10.00
T-3	Operation and maintenance of STPs, Pumps	1	Europe	6	5.00
T-4	Maintenance of sewerage network including structures	2	Guwahati (IIT, AEC)	10	8.00
T-4	River monitoring and operation of water augmentation structures	1	Europe	6	22.00
T-5	Maintenance of river front works	2	Guwahati	10	5.00
T-6	Public awareness and educational programmes	2	Guwahati	10	5.00
T-7	Solid waste management	6	Guwahati	25	10.00
T-8	Project Management	2	Guwahati (Staff college)	6	10.00
T-9	Exposure (seminars & conferences)	2 (national) 2 (int'l)		6	25.00
	Total				120.00



## 14 Project Implementation Plan

### 14.1 Project Management Unit

The Bharalu River Conservation project will be implemented by Project Management Unit (PMU) to be established at PCBA immediately after the DPR is approved. PMU will be headed by a Project Director appointed by the Government of Assam. The Project Director will be assisted by other officers and staff deputed to PMU by PCBA. One of the key staff will be an Accounts Manager. Additional support staff will be hired from the project budget for the duration of the project, which is planned to be of 42 months. The first six months will be used for preparation of detailed designs, fine tuning of the conservation schemes, further consultation with stakeholders, site fixing, preparation of tender documents, obtaining required government approvals etc. Some of the planned capacity building activities will also take place from the beginning. The implementation of the conservation schemes will be completed in 3 years. The estimated cost of the Project Management Unit is given below.

Table 14.1 Cost estimate for the Project Management Unit

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Office furniture	1	LS	1000000	10,00,000
2	Computers & peripherals	1	LS	1000000	10,00,000
3	Vehicles	3	nos	1200000	36,00,000
	local transportation	42	month	20000	8,40,000
4	Support staff	294	manmonths	40000	1,17,60,000
5	Review committee meetings	10	nos	10000	1,00,000
6	Travel of officers	10	trips	100000	10,00,000
7	Seminars and conferences	6	LS	500000	30,00,000
8	Communication	42	month	15000	6,30,000
9	office maintenace, supplies, operation	42	month	25000	10,50,000
10	Sub Total				2,39,80,000
11	Contingencies			5%	11,99,000
12	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>2,51,79,000</b>

### 14.2 Project Management Consultancy

The PMU will be supported by a Project Management Consultancy (PMC) in all its activities related to the implementation of the Project. The work of PMC is expected to commence from the beginning of the 42 months period. Activities of PMC will include, among others, Fine tuning of the plans and designs, detailed investigation required for some engineering conservation measures, preparation of engineering designs and specifications for construction, preparation of tender documents, assisting PMU in pre-qualification and selection of contractors and suppliers for various project components, check invoices and process payments, assist in management of accounts and assisting PMU in all other activities as required. PMC will be responsible for quality control of all works and will ensure timely completion of the project. PMC will also include the provision of expert services international and national experts for setting up the river monitoring and warning system.

The PMC will be headed by a Project Manager/Team leader supported by adequate number of staff.

### 14.3 Review and approvals

The Government of Assam will appoint a project committee to review and approve various documents, designs and tenders. The Project Director will be the member Secretary of the committee.

### 14.4 Monitoring and Evaluation

Periodic monitoring and evaluation will be carried out by PMU with the support of PMC, who will engage a separate team for monitoring and evaluation. The monitoring and evaluation reports will be reviewed and approved by the project committee.

### 14.5 Completion Reports

Completion reports will be prepared by PMC for all components and for the whole project for review and approval by the project committee and ultimately by the government of Assam.

### 14.6 Schemes Implementation Plan

A GNAT Chart showing implementation plan of the schemes is presented in Figure 14-1.



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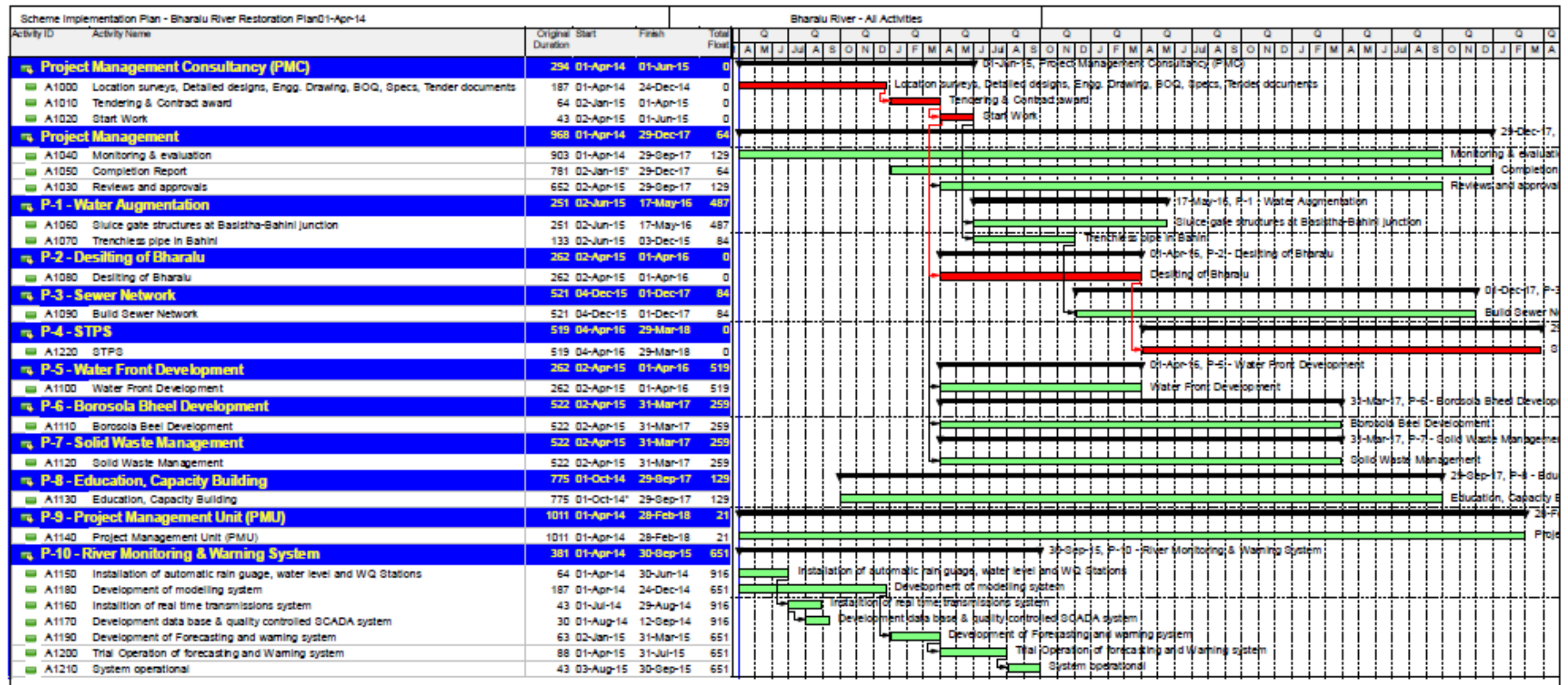


Figure 14-1 Project Implementation Plan



## 15 Cost Estimate

<b>Bharalu DPR Summary of Cost</b>				
package No.	Package / Scheme Name	Scheme description	Estimated Cost (in crore)	% of total
1	Water Augmentation	Water Augmentation by reopening the sluice gate in Bahini from Basistha, weir in Basistha, trenchless pipe	7.868	2.64
2	Desilting of Rivers	Desilting of Bahini, Bharalu & dead Bharalu rivers including removal of solid waste	23.651	7.93
3	Intercepting system for DWF	Intercetor chambers with overflow arrangement, interceptin conduit to STP	11.580	3.88
4	STPS	Decentralised STPS	179.661	60.20
5	River Front Environment	Water front development along Bharalu (2 km)	19.920	6.68
6	Borosola Beel development	Devlopment of Borosola beel including areation fountains, walkway improvemnet, repair of sluice gates, walls etc	16.194	5.43
7	Solid waste management	Management of solid waste directly affectign the river	6.978	2.34
8	Public awareness, education and capacity building	Public awareness, capacitybuilding, training, stakeholder engagement	4.043	1.35
9	Project Management Unit (PMU)	Establsihment of project management unit, operational costs, O&M for 5 years	2.518	0.84
10	River Monitoring & warning System	Establsihment & operation of a river monitoring and warning system	3.908	1.31
	Sub total		276.319	92.59
11	Project Management Consultancy (PMC) : 7 % for PMC, 1 % for DPR cost	PMC incl. detailed design, tendering, construction supervision and support to PMU, expertise (consultatns) for the establsihment of monitoring and warning system @8% of total project cost	22.105	7.41
	<b>GRAND TOTAL (Crore Rs.)</b>		<b>298.424</b>	<b>100%</b>

Package No.  
Scheme Name  
Component: RCC Channel and new sluice gate

P-1  
Water Augmentation

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Construction of RCC covered channel along the side road				
2	1. Earthwork excavation in hard soil, including site clearance, disposal of earth (2m x2mX500m+10%)	20200	cu.m	434	87,64,218
3	2. Form Work	3000	sq.m.	17,960	5,38,80,142
4	3. RCC (cement concrete grade 20)	400	cu.m.	6,467	25,86,959
5	4. Manholes with cast iron covers @ 100 m interval, size 60 cm X 60 cm	5	No	8,063	40,314
6	Iron Sluice Gate, fabrication, transportation, installation, painting, all complete	350	Kg	119	41,576
7	Site management before, during & after construction (clearance, dewatering, etc.)	1	Lot	2,50,000	2,50,000
8	Sub total				6,55,63,209
9	Contingencies			5%	32,78,160
10	O&M cost for 5 years @2 % of capital cost, inflation factor adjusted				98,34,481
	<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>7,86,75,850</b>

Package No.  
Scheme Name

P-2  
Desilting of Bharalu , Bahini and dead Bharalu

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Desilting of Bahini ( 8.7 km) from Nutan Bazar to Jonali Bridge	1,28,282	cu.m.		
2	Desilting of Bharalu ( 7.0 km) from Jonali Bridge to Bharalumukh	79,662	cu.m.		
3	Desilting of Dead Bharalu (6.5 km) Sluice gate at Shantipur to ISBT (ner confluence with Basistha	63,343	cu.m.		
4	Total desilting quantity including additional 10% fro unforeseen places	2,98,416	cu.m.	495	14,77,15,899
5	Cartage of excavated debris including necessary loading, unloading and conveying and disposing as directed, to a disposal site (Distance = 5 KM)	2,98,416	cu.m.	251.1	7,49,32,247
4	Removal of solid waste from banks (approximate length)	26	km	100000	26,00,000
5	Sub Total				22,52,48,145
6	Contingencies			5%	1,12,62,407
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>23,65,10,552</b>

## Cost Estimate

Package No. P-3  
 Scheme Name Intercepting system for DWF

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Intercepting Chamber	42	No	750000	3,15,00,000
2	Interceptor	32	km	500000	1,60,00,000
3	Pumps	0	No	2000000	-
4	Repair of outfall drains	96	No	400000	3,84,00,000
5	Other ciivl and gate works	1	LS	10000000	1,00,00,000
11	Subtotal				9,59,00,000
12	Contingencies			5%	47,95,000
	TOTAL				10,06,95,000
15	O&M costs for 5 Years	1	LS		1,51,04,250
15	Grand TOTAL				<b>11,57,99,250</b>

O&M Costs for 5 years  
 @ 2 % of the capital cost per year  
 including escalation

2% 1,51,04,250.0

Package No. P-4  
 Scheme Name STPS

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Decentralised STP 5 MLD, all inclusive	70	MLD	23730000	1,66,11,00,000
	O&M cost 5 years	5	years	1,80,67,500	13,55,06,250
15	Grand TOTAL				<b>1,79,66,06,250</b>

O&M costs @ rs. 4000/MLD/day

1,80,67,500.00

Package No. P-5  
 Scheme Name River front Environment development

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	3 km walkway on both sides	6	km	27500000	16,50,00,000
2	Lighting (Solar)	1	Lot	1000000	10,00,000
5	Subtotal				16,60,00,000
6	Contingencies			5%	83,00,000
7	O&M cost for 5 years @ 2% of capital cost per year adjusted to escalation factor				2,49,00,000
	Grand TOTAL				<b>19,92,00,000</b>

Package No.  
Scheme Name

P-6  
Borosola Beel development

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Borosola beel walkway	1650	m	25000	4,12,50,000
2	Pedestrian bridge	1	No	29700000	2,97,00,000
3	Outlet spillway structure	1	No	20000000	2,00,00,000
4	Dredging & landscaping	1	LS	40000000	4,00,00,000
5	Water Fountains	4	Nos	1000000	40,00,000
6	Subtotal				13,49,50,000
7	Contingencies			5%	67,47,500
8	O&M @ 2 % of capital cost per year with escalation factor adjustment				2,02,42,500
9	Grand TOTAL				<b>16,19,40,000</b>

Package No.  
Scheme Name

P-7  
Solid waste management

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Providing screens at the outfalls of secondary drains	200	sq.m	5130	10,26,000
2	Providing storage containers at the existing secondary solid waste collection points along the river stretch	92	No	75000	69,00,000
3	Procurement of vehicles for transporting solid waste	10	No	1800000	1,80,00,000
4	Subtotal				2,59,26,000
5	Contingencies			5%	12,96,300
6	O&M cost for 3 years	1	LS		4,25,53,350
7	Grand TOTAL				<b>6,97,75,650</b>

Operation & maintenance (annual)

1	Maintenance of screens @ 5%	200	sq.m.	256.5	51,300
2	Maintenance / replacement of containers @ 5%	92	no	3750	3,45,000
3	O&M of vehicles fuel (considering 3 trips per day 50km each trip)	90000	lit	60	54,00,000
4	SW Collection & segregation	12	mon	50000	6,00,000
4	Repair & maintenance of vehicles (5%)	10	no	90000	9,00,000
5	Drivers 10	120	mon	8000	9,60,000
6	Helpers 20	240	mon	5000	12,00,000
7	Total for 1 year				94,56,300
8	Total for 3 years including escalation.				4,25,53,350.00
	After the project, GMC will take over the responsibility of MSW management				

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Package No. P-8  
 Scheme Name Education, Capacity building

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Development IEC materials	1	LS	2500000	25,00,000
2	Training of PCBA, GMC, GMDA and other stakeholders	1	LS	1,20,00,000.00	1,20,00,000
3	Public awareness programs, including media campaigns	3	Years	2500000	75,00,000
4	Partnership with local and national resource centers, cultural groups etc	3	Years	2500000	75,00,000
5	NGO staff for 3 years	3	Years	2500000	75,00,000
6	Exposure visits for community leaders, CBO and NGO staff	3	yaers	500000	15,00,000
7	Subtotal				3,85,00,000
8	Contingencies			5%	19,25,000
9	<b>GRAND Total</b>				<b>4,04,25,000</b>

Package No. P-9  
 Scheme Name Project Management Unit (PMU)

S.No.	Item	Qty	Unit	Rate	Amount
1	Office furniture	1	LS	1000000	10,00,000
2	Computers & peripherals	1	LS	1000000	10,00,000
3	Vehicles	3	nos	1200000	36,00,000
	local transportation	42	month	20000	8,40,000
4	Support staff	294	manmonths	40000	1,17,60,000
5	Review committee meetings	10	nos	10000	1,00,000
6	Travel of officers	10	trips	100000	10,00,000
7	Seminars and conferences	6	LS	500000	30,00,000
8	Communication	42	month	15000	6,30,000
9	office maintenace, supplies, operation	42	month	25000	10,50,000
10	Sub Total				2,39,80,000
11	Contingencies			5%	11,99,000
12	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>2,51,79,000</b>

Package No.  
Scheme Name

P-10  
River Monitoring & warning System

SI No.	Item	QTY	Unit	Unit Cost (INR)	Total Cost (INR)
1	Automatic Rainfall Station	5	No	1,50,000	7,50,000
2	Automatic River WL Station	2	No	3,00,000	6,00,000
3	Water Quality Stations (excluding BOD)	4	No	8,50,000	34,00,000
	<b>SubTotal</b>				47,50,000
5	Transport, Transit Insurance, Installation	1	Lot	20%	9,50,000
6	Establishment of gauge- discharge station	1	No	2,50,000	2,50,000
7	Current meter and related accessories	1	Lot	1,00,000	1,00,000
8	Database Server	1	No	5,00,000	5,00,000
9	High End Desk Tops	5	No	80,000	4,00,000
10	Display (Plazma 51")	4	No	1,00,000	4,00,000
11	SCADA & data base software	1	No	12,00,000	12,00,000
12	Data integration and modelling software	1	No	50,00,000	50,00,000
13	<b>SubTotal</b>				1,35,50,000
16	Continegcnies			5%	6,77,500
17	<b>subtotal</b>				1,42,27,500
18	<b>O&amp;M for 5 years</b>				2,48,47,500
	<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>3,90,75,000</b>
19	Consultancy for implementation of the monitoring, modelling and warning system - included in the PMC cost				

#### O&M of the monitoring system

For one year

1	BOD Sampling and lab testing 4 stations, 52 weeks	208	No	1000	208000
2	Other water quality parameters sampling & lab testing (monthly)	48	No	10000	480000
3	Cost of moblie network use	11	No	10000	110000
4	Anual maintenance cost	1	years	10%	475000
5	Flow measurement (weekly) at the G-D station - to be outsourced to hydrologists	52	week	20000	1040000
6	Maintenance of hardware and software at the SCADA Center	1	LS	1000000	1000000
7	Total for one year				33,13,000
8	Total for 5 years (incl. escallation)				2,48,47,500



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## Annex -1: Water Quality Test Reports

## Annex- 2: Maps

## Annex- 3: Drawings

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## Annex- 4: Detailed Calculation of Dredging



## Annex- 5: International and National Best Practices

