

Short Composition on Floods in Bangladesh

Question: Write a short composition on "Floods in Bangladesh."

Answer: Flood is a natural calamity. It is almost an annual affair in Bangladesh. Bangladesh suffers from floods almost every year.

Flood is mainly caused by heavy showers of rain. Rivers and canals cannot carry the rainwater to the sea rapidly. So, there is a sudden increase in water in the river and canals which overflow their banks and cause a flood. Floods also may be caused by the melting of snow in the mountains. Many of our rivers are silted and cannot contain much water. During the rainy season, heavy rainfall and a sudden rush of water from the mountains also cause a flood.

Almost all the rivers of Bangladesh originated in India. India controls the flow of these rivers which very frequently creates a flood. Farakka Barrage in India now one of the main causes of the flood in Bangladesh. Bangladesh has to take an alternative means to control flood. It can be done by building dams and embankments in the low-lying areas and by excavating canals to preserve water for the dry season.

Flood visits our country almost every year. The floods that occurred in the years 1954, 1960, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1987, 1988, 1998, 2007 were very alarming. All these floods caused a huge loss of life and property. The flood of 1988 and 2007 surpassed all the records of the past. Ninety percent of our total villages and towns remained under water for several days.

Flood causes serious devastation. Crops are badly damaged, trees are uprooted. It washes away our village and towns. Streets, roads and even people's houses go under water. People cannot go from one place

to another. Sometimes flood causes river erosion for which many people become homeless and shelterless. The sufferings of people and the domestic animals are beyond description. Trade and commerce come to a stagnant position. After-effects of the flood are more serious. Cholera, typhoid, dysentery and diarrhoea break out in an epidemic form. There is a scarcity of pure drinking water. Many people die of starvation. The affected areas become muddled with filth and dirt. The road communication is disrupted. This creates an adverse impact on the economy.

Flood has some good effects too. The silt caused by flood water makes the land fertile. It washes away filth and dirt from the houses, lands and our surroundings. People are blessed with increased production of food and other crops. because the fertility of land increases. If we cannot check the huge loss that flood causes to our country every year, our all efforts for development will go in vain. So, we must find out effective and permanent measures for the prevention of flood.