The proposed Assam Flood Plain Zoning Bill, 2026 aims to minimise flood-related risks by regulating land use and construction in vulnerable areas. It envisages the use of LiDAR technology and satellite-based mapping to identify flood-prone zones and guide planned development.

The framework classifies areas into prohibited, regulated and unregulated zones. It restricts development in active river channels, mandates flood-resilient construction in regulated areas and permits normal development beyond identified flood lines. Safeguards include protection for lawful existing properties, a 60-day public consultation period and appeal mechanisms.

APSC Relevance: Flood Management, Disaster Risk Reduction