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Title: Regarding Mega river linking Project in Saran, Bihar -laid.

**SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (SARAN):** The Commissioner of Saran has 3 districts under it with a population of about 1.2 crores. It has 4 major rivers- the Ganga, Gandak, Ghaggara and a tributary of Son flowing through it. During the monsoon, due to heavy discharge in Gandak from Nepal, where the Gandak canal is unable to hold water during monsoons, intermittent discharge of over 4 lakh cusecs is sent downstream, causing heavy flooding in Saran. The State Government of Bihar is preparing a mega project in Saran to link the 4 rivers and regulate the water levels. MECON, a PSU of Govt of India is preparing the DPR. However, there has been inordinate delay in the preparation of the DPR on the part of MECON causing continued suffering to the people. I request the Ministry of Jal Shakti to take cognisance of the matter and direct speedy completion of the project.