

Title Regarding land subsidence in Doda District of Jammu and Kashmir-Laid.

SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI (ANANTNAG): The land subsidence in the Thathri Tehsil of Doda District of Jammu and Kashmir has created a fearful situation not only among the local residents but the incident has also become a grave concern for the environmentalists and geologists. This is an ecological disaster. According to media reports, around 40 structures including 21 household structures have been damaged and more than 300 people have been forced to leave their homes because of the huge cracks developed in the houses.

The excessive use of machinery for construction of multiple projects at different places on Chenab River in the lap of mountains and creation of huge water bodies is suspected to have destabilized the mountains causing it to sink in the Himalayan region. I strongly urge upon the Government to set up a committee of experts and depute a group of researchers to conduct a detailed in-depth study to identify the causes for the sinking. Secondly, there is a need for short-term and long-term remedial measures for the prevention of such environmental damages. Thirdly, relocation of the affected families to safer places with adequate compensation is needed so that they could start living their normal lives once again.
