

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4156  
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2001  
SCHEME FOR FLOOD CONTROL IN MITHILANCHAL  
KIRTI (JHA) AZAD

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Mithilanchal in Uttaranchal has been affected by floods;
- (b) if so, the percentage of area affected;
- (c) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to control flood menace in this region permanently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Mithilanchal area under North Bihar has been affected by floods.
- (b) 76% area of the North Bihar is prone to floods. The State Government has reported on 11.8.2001 that an area of 0.155 m. ha. is affected by floods in North Bihar covering the districts of Gopalganj, Samastipur, Begusarai, West Champaran, Sitamarhi, Muzaffarpur, Sheohar, Darbhanga, East Champaran, Saran, Siwan, Madhubani, Katihar and Vaishali.
- (c) & (d) Flood Management being a Statesubject, flood control schemes are planned, funded and executed by the Sate Governments themselves out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. Central Government renders assistance that are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. The Government of India has set up Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) to tackle the flood problem in Ganga basin, which has prepared comprehensive Plans for flood management for all the 23 river systems of Ganga basin. In these comprehensive plans, which have been forwarded to the respective State Governments including Government of Bihar, both long term and short term measures have been suggested.