

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:443
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2000
FLOODS IN BIHAR
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the swelling rivers from Nepal are causing wide spread damage to the crops and property in Northern Bihar every year;
- (b) if so, extent of the damage caused to crops, properties, cattle etc. in North Bihar during last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government of India have taken up the matter of compensation to farmers in Bihar with Nepal Government;
- (d) if so, the response of the Nepal Government thereto; and
- (e) the time by which the farmers in Bihar will be compensated for such damages?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.443 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH APRIL, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Floods in the rivers coming from Nepal do cause some damage to crops and property in Northern Bihar every year.

(b): A statement is annexed.

(c): No, Sir.

(d)&(e): Do not arise.

ANNEXURE

Details of damage caused to crop, property, human life, cattle in Bihar during 1997, 1998 & 1999.

Year Crop area damaged Houses/Huts damaged Human life lost Animal lost
(in lakhs ha.) (in lakh) (in no.) (in no.)

1997	6.545	1.74 (approx.)	163	151
1998	12.84	1.99 (approx.)	381	187
1999	2.87	0.35 (approx.)	230	37