

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4174  
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LAND EROSION  
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

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

- (a) whether Indian Territory is being lost to Pakistan due to land erosion;
- (b) if so, the total area lost as a result thereof;
- (c) whether Pakistan has diverted the course of Ravi and Sutluj rivers; and
- (d) if so, the measures contemplated by the Government to prevent the same?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Certain works undertaken by Pakistan, besides factors such as adverse country slope towards India and meandering nature of the river, have the effect of diverting the flows of river Ravi towards India.
- (d) The Government of Punjab undertakes counter protective works as and when needed from its own resources. Union Government is also providing financial assistance in the form of special loan and grant-in-aid as well as technical expertise to the Government of Punjab for undertaking the works.