

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:620  
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2000  
DIVERSION OF FLOW OF RAVI RIVER .  
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

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

- (a) whether the Union Government are aware of the move of the Government of Pakistan to divert the flow of river Ravi towards India to create havoc in the villages of border areas of the country;
- (b) if so, whether any report has been received by the Union Government from Government of Punjab in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken/being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

- (a) Yes Sir, the Union Government is aware of certain works undertaken by Pakistan that have the effect of diverting the flow of river Ravi towards India and endangering border areas.
- (b) & (c) The Government of Punjab has been submitting proposals to counter the effect to the Committee on Special Remedial Works for Flood Protection Embankments on rivers Sutlej and Ravi which examines the proposals and recommends specific works to be executed after visiting the affected areas.
- (d) In addition to the counter protective works being undertaken by the State of Punjab 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 counter protective works according to the recommendations of the Committee.