

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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STUDY ON DAMAGE TO WATER CATCHMENT AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to look into the extent, causes and effects of damages, degradation and erosion of water catchment forests in National Parks particularly of Ramganga and Kosi Rivers in Jim Corbett National Park in Uttaranchal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the condition of water catchment forests?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Ministry of Environment & Forests provides financial assistance to the States for various activities including habitat manipulation and better preservation of bio-topo including plantation of trees and fodder species, fire protection, prevention of erosion and denudation, soil moisture conservation, removal of unwanted species of flora and fauna, flood protection as and when sought by the State Government under Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries".