

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SOIL EROSION DUE TO KOEL AND SONE RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of soil erosion caused by the floods of koel and sone rivers;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for strengthening of embankment of these rivers;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to undertake said work under its control to ensure timely completion of the same; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) Flood Management being a State subject, the schemes for flood control including soil erosion are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments. The Government of Bihar has informed that nothing serious regarding soil erosion caused by floods in Sone river in Bihar is reported while the Government of Jharkhand has reported some erosion due to flood in North Koel as well as in Sone river within their State.

(b) The Government of Bihar has informed that repairs of Saidabad – Maner embankment near Patna situated at the right bank of Sone river and Namsagar – Koilwar – Sone embankment situated on the left bank of Sone river near Koilwar are done time to time as per requirement. As regards Jharkhand, it has been informed by the State Government that no flood embankment exists in the region.

(c) & (d) The Government of Bihar has reported that no proposal is under consideration at present for strengthening of Sone embankment. The Government of Jharkhand has however informed that protective works on right bank of Sone river in villages Dangwar, Budhawa in Hussainabad block of Palamau District and on left bank of North Koel river just up stream of its confluence with Sone river to protect village Sundipur are under consideration of the State Government .