

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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EROSION OF GANGA IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to sever erosion of river Ganga from Katwa to Kalna in West Bengal the people on both side of the banks are suffering a lot;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to combat the problem of erosion;
- (c) if so, the details of the steps that have been taken so far; and
- (d) the amount earmarked and released so far?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. As per the information provided by the Government of West Bengal, the people along the banks of river Bhagirathi (Hooghly) from Katwa to Kalna are facing the bank erosion problem in West Bengal.
- (b), (c) & (d) The State Government of West Bengal has therefore, taken necessary steps to combat the problem of bank erosion by taking up anti erosion measures (by dumping porcupine cages, crated sand-filled gunny/poly bags) at Katwa town, Dainhat, Agradwip, Jhaudanga, Kuturia, Kastashali, Patuli, and Kalna in District Burdwan and at Prachin Mayapur in District Nadia at a cost of Rs.80.0 lakh and 42.0 lakh respectively.

The Government of West Bengal is also taking up some permanent anti-erosion works in the affected reaches on the banks of river Bhagirathi at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore in District Burdwan and of Rs.12.75 crore in District Nadia.