

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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EMBANKMENTS

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

- (a) the total length of embankment in kilometers, constructed in the country so far;
- (b) the total land area in hectares already protected from floods so far;
- (c) the steps taken to check breach in the embankments;
- (d) whether any assessment has been made in regard to area of land damaged due to floods;
- (e) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (f) the details of total amount of funds allocated and released for flood control?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As per the Report of the Working Group on Water Resources for the XI Five Year Plan, constituted by Planning Commission, a total of 33929 kilometers of embankments has been constructed in different parts of the country and a result of that, an area of 18.22 million hectares has been provided reasonable protection against floods, up to March, 2006.

(c) Flood Management being a State subject, the schemes for flood control are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves as per their own priorities out of their State plans funds which are made available to them through Planning Commission. In order to provide additional assistance to flood affected states for flood management and erosion control works in critical reaches, the Government of India has also approved a state sector scheme namely 'Flood management Programme' for implementation during XI plan.

(d) & (e): As per information provided by different states, average area of 7.509 million hectares has been assessed as affected annually due to floods.

(f) As per the Report of the Working Group on Water Resources for the XI Five Year Plan, constituted by Planning Commission, a total of Rs. 5965 crore was allocated during X Plan for flood management both in Central and State sector, against which actual expenditure of Rs.4468 crore has been reported upto end of X Five Year Plan.