

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SEA AND RIVER EROSION IN W.B.
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sea and river erosion are threatening the ecological balance in many areas of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to prevent the same; and
- (c) the total amount spent during the last three years and the current year in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Flood Management being State subject, the flood management and erosion control schemes are planned, investigated and implemented by the State Governments with their own funds. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is mainly technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.

The State Government of West Bengal is taking up anti erosion works from funds available under state plan and additional central assistance provided by Union Government through Planning Commission, Ministry of Water Resources and Finance Commission. The state government is also taking up anti-erosion works by arranging loan from NABARD. In order to provide financial assistance to the state governments during XI Plan, a state sector scheme, namely, 'Flood Management Programme' amounting to Rs.8,000 Cr has been approved 'in principle' by the Cabinet on 02.11.2007. The scheme aims to provide central assistance to the state governments for river management, flood control, anti-erosion works, anti-sea erosion works, drainage development, flood proofing, flood prone area development programme, restoration of damaged flood management works, etc. in critical reaches, which have secured all mandatory clearances.

(c) As per the information provided by the Government of West Bengal, the total amount spent in the last three years and in the current year for execution of anti-erosion schemes from different sources of funding are as under:

Financial Year Amount
(Rs.in Crore)

(i) 2005-06	36.54
(ii) 2006-07	41.35
(iii) 2007-08	98.03
(iv) 2008-09	32.78
(till date)	