

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVABLE LAND AROUND BARUNA RIVER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that lakhs of hectares of cultivable land around river Baruna remains submerged in Phulpur district of Uttar Pradesh thereby causing losses to the farmers of these areas;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the reclamation of the aforesaid land by conducting survey of the area; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): As per report of Working Group (1991) of Ministry of Water Resources, an area of 4.30 lakh ha. is affected by water logging in Uttar Pradesh. The Baruna river originates from Malham lake in Phulpur Block of Allahabad district, falls in river Ganga in Varanasi district, and causes water logging/submergence in about 0.20 lakh ha. area in Allahabad district of Uttar Pradesh.

No proposal for reclamation of waterlogged areas of Phulpur Block of Allahabad district of Uttar Pradesh has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for consideration and approval under Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development and Water Management Programme.