

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FLOOD FROM RIVERS ORIGINATING FROM NEPAL

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether excessive flow of water from rivers originating in Nepal and hilly areas of Uttarakhand causes devastating floods in Bihar and Terai areas of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Government of Nepal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Nepalese Government thereto; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government for utilization of surplus flood water for useful purposes?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (d) Flood waters from rivers originating in Nepal and Uttarakhand, sometimes create flood situation in Bihar and Terai areas of Uttar Pradesh. The major rivers causing floods in Bihar and Terai areas of Uttar Pradesh are namely, Sharda, Ghaghra, Rapti, Gandak, Bagmati, Kamla and Kosi originating from Nepal. Therefore, discussions are on with the Government of Nepal to undertake flood management works on common border to prevent spilling of flood waters in the Gangetic plains. For this purpose, the Government of India is providing financial assistance to the Government of Nepal for raising, strengthening and extension of flood embankments on Bagmati, Kamla, Lalbakeya and Khando rivers to tie them with high grounds in Nepal. In addition, flood protection works of Kosi and Gandak Projects in Nepal are maintained by the State Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh respectively, with the central assistance from the Ministry of Water Resources.

(e) The Government of India is in constant dialogue with Government of Nepal and keen on implementation of Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project on river Sharda (Mahakali in Nepal), Saptakosi High Dam Project on river Kosi and Naumure Multipurpose Project on river Rapti (West Rapti in Nepal), to utilize the surplus flood water for useful purpose. These projects, on implementation, would provide benefits to the people of India and Nepal, both, in the form of hydro-power, irrigation and flood moderation.