

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has constituted any central team to visit the flood affected areas to report on the recent flood condition;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the status of the flood management and control projects undertaken by various State Governments by Central assistance, project-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to review the ongoing and pending flood control projects of various State Governments; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per the information available, the Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted six central teams to visit flood affected areas for on the spot assessment of the situation in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Mizoram, West Bengal, Puducherry, Haryana and Punjab respectively after the recent floods.

(c): The project-wise status of flood management and erosion control works undertaken by various State Governments during XI Plan with central assistance under "Flood Management Programme" is given at Annexure-I.

In addition, 42 new flood management schemes have been approved recently during the 6th Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 12th July, 2010, the details of which are given at Annexure-II.

(d): Water being a State subject; the responsibility of review of on-going and pending flood control projects rests with the concerned State Governments. In addition, Central Organizations namely, Central Water Commission (CWC), Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) and Brahmaputra Board (BB) are also monitoring the progress of on-going works under "Flood Management Programme" (FMP) by undertaking field visits to each work, at least once in a financial year. Further, the review meetings are being held at the level of Secretary (WR) and Commissioner in the Ministry of Water Resources, as well.

(e): During the current financial year, Commissioner (Ganga), MoWR has taken two review meetings in May, 2010 with the concerned Chief Engineers of State Governments. In addition, Annual Conference was also held with the Principal Secretaries of Irrigation/Water Resources/ Flood Control Departments of the State Governments on 14th July, 2010; in which the State Governments representatives are advised to take necessary steps for early completion of the on-going flood management works, in their respective States.