

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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FLOOD FROM TEESTA RIVER IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction work on the Teesta River is resulting in flood damage in Kishanganj and Purnea districts of Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the information furnished by the State Government of Bihar and Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC), construction of a barrage on the river Teesta for hydel power generation has been done by Government of West Bengal through National Hydro Power Corporation Ltd. (NHPC) but the escape channel has not been constructed to discharge water after power generation into the Teesta river. The discharge after hydel power generation is being released into the river Donk which has affected the state of Bihar specially the district of Kishanganj and Purnea.

(c): A Comprehensive Scheme namely Mahananda Flood Management Scheme has been formulated by the State Government of Bihar which includes the construction of new embankment on both sides of river Donk. The execution of the scheme will protect the flood damage from Donk river. The approval of Scheme from Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India depends upon submission of the proposal by the State Government to GFCC.