

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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WATER LOGGING IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of land affected by water logging and erosion in the State of Bihar;
- (b) whether the State Government has sought any assistance to solve the problem of water logging;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether various districts in Bihar are affected by the said problem; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government to get rid of the problem of water logging and erosion caused by the rivers Bia and Noon?

Answer

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

- (a) As per information furnished by Government of Bihar, total waterlogged area in Bihar was 9.41 lakh ha, which includes 1.06 lakh ha of Mokama Taal. Waterlogged areas of about 2.5 lakh ha are economically unviable for drainage. During 2009-10, total 364 erosion prone sites were selected for anti-erosion works.
- (b) & (c) 81 waterlogging schemes to reclaim an area of 15667.73 ha in the irrigation commands of Bihar have been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.409.05 lakh.
- (d) Yes, sir.
- (e) To solve the problem of waterlogging due to flood inundation and erosion, a scheme "Raising and strengthening of left and right embankment on Noon river including associated works" with an estimated cost of Rs.2671.00 lakh has been taken up under flood management programme of Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India. There is no such ongoing scheme on Baya river for flood management.