

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1909

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EROSION BY RIVER GANGA

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that erosion by the Ganges has rendered people homeless in Malda district in West Bengal and in Varanasi and Chandauli areas in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of arable land being diminished by the rivers Chambal and Yamuna;
- (d) whether the pump canals are in danger due to soil erosion; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (c) The land located in the flood plains or the land falling in the course of meandering rivers like Ganga, Chambal, Yamuna etc. are subject to erosion by rivers at various locations during floods causing damage to houses and property. Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources does not maintain data on people getting homeless and loss of arable land due to erosion by rivers. During XI Plan period, central assistance is being provided to all the flood affected states for river management, flood control and anti-erosion works in critical reaches under a state sector scheme, namely, "Flood Management Programme (FMP)".
- (d) No report of pump canals in danger due to soil erosion has been received in the Ministry of Water Resources from any of the State Government.
- (e) Does not arise in view of para (d) above.