

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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EMBANKMENTS ON RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to construct embankments on Budhi Gandak, Gandak and Bagmati rivers and to construct metalled roads thereon in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) Water being a state subject, the flood management schemes for construction of embankments on rivers are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments, as per their own priorities, out of their State plan funds. In order to provide financial support to the State Governments, the Government of India also assists the flood prone States in flood management works for critical reaches. Details of flood control works involving raising and strengthening of existing embankments/ construction of new embankments on rivers Budhi Gandak, Gandak and Bagmati taken up during X & XI Plan by the State Government of Bihar with central assistance are as under:

I Budhi Gandak :

- (i) Raising and strengthening of left embankment from 19 km to 53.20 km on the river Budhi Gandak for critical reaches in district Begusarai. (Estimated Cost: Rs. 5.09 Crore)
- (ii) Raising and strengthening of left embankment on river Budhi Gandak from km 112 to km 172 in the district Samastipur. (Estimated Cost: Rs. 6.03 Crore)
- (iii) Raising and strengthening of right embankment from Ch 20 km to Ch 49 km and Ch 96 to Ch 161 km on river Budhi Gandak for critical reach in the district Begusara and Samastipur. (Estimated Cost: Rs. 4.93 Crore)
- (iv) Raising and strengthening of Budhi Gandak embankment from km 0.00 to 19 km on both banks in Khagaria district. (Estimated Cost: Rs. 7.22 Crore)
- (v) Anti erosion work at 72 to 74 km on the left Budhi Gandak embankment near Basahi village. (Estimated Cost: Rs. 5.15 Crore)
- (vi) Raising and strengthening of right Budhi Gandak embankment from km 8.00 upstream of Akharaghat to km 39.00 downstream of Akharaghat. (Estimated Cost: Rs. 12.00 Crore)
- (vii) Raising and strengthening of Budhi Gandak embankment from 53.2 km to 107 km. (Estimated Cost: Rs. 7.49 Crore)

II Gandak :

- (i) Raising and strengthening of complete reach of river Gandak from RD 10 km of Champaran embankment towards downstream (Estimated Cost: Rs. 7.49 Crore)
- (ii) Brick pitching on top of Champaran embankment on river Gandak from 32.24 to 132.40 km. (Estimated Cost: Rs. 14.92 Crore)
- (iii) Raising and strengthening of Tirhut embankment on the left bank of river Gandak for critical reaches.(Estimated Cost: Rs. 7.14 Crore)
- (iv) Raising and strengthening of right bank of Saran embankment from km 17.60 to km 85 at critical reaches. (Estimated Cost: Rs. 5.95 Crore)
- (v) Raising and Strengthening of Saran embankment from km 90 to km 152 at critical reaches. (Estimated Cost: Rs. 7.20 Crore)

(vi) Brick pitching on top of embankment from km 35 to 80 of right bank of Saran embankment. (Estimated Cost: Rs. 9.58 Crore)

(vii) Raising and strengthening of Piprasi Pipraghat embankment on right bank of river Gandak (Estimated Cost: Rs. 14.72 Crore)

III Bagmati :

An Integrated Flood Management Scheme on Bagmati river with a total cost of Rs. 792 crore envisaging raising & strengthening of embankments in a length of about 334 km, construction of new embankments in about 245.87 km, river training works, sluices etc. has been formulated by the state government of Bihar. Phase-I of the aforesaid scheme for raising and strengthening of Bagmati left embankment from 17.55 km to 53.16 km and from 15.20 km to 56.97 km including brick soling on top on right bank of Bagmati river and anti erosion works at vulnerable points with a total cost of Rs. 135.16 crore has been taken up by the state government with central assistance under Flood Management Programme during XI Plan.

(c) Does not arise in view of Para (a) to (b) above.