

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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FLOODS FROM RIVERS ORIGINATING FROM NEPAL

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take concrete measures to deal with the devastating floods in Uttar Pradesh caused every year by the rivers flowing down from Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to rehabilitate the people of the villages washed away by the floods every year?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Construction of big dams/reservoirs on rivers at suitable locations are considered as one of the solutions to floods, especially if dedicated flood cushion is provided in the storage reservoirs. Big dams moderate the floods in downstream by way of releasing controlled discharge through spillway. Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project on river Sharda (Mahakali in Nepal), Saptakosi High Dam Project on river Kosi and West Rapti (Naumure) Multipurpose Project on river West Rapti are under discussion with the Government of Nepal. These high dam projects, on implementation, would provide benefits to people of India and Nepal, both, in the form of hydro-power, irrigation and flood moderation.

(c) Rehabilitation of villagers affected by the floods falls under the domain of the State Government concerned.