

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1504  
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2012  
EROSION OF RIVER BANKS  
Singh Shri Jagada Nand

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

- (a) whether agricultural land and houses are facing threat as a result of heavy erosion at various places at the banks of the river Ganga in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the expenditure incurred on preventing bank erosion in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal during the last five years including the current year; and
- (d) the details of the schemes to check the damage being caused by erosion of the banks of the Ganga?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The agricultural land and houses located in the flood plains or falling in the course of meandering rivers like Ganga are subject to erosion by rivers at various locations during floods every year. The major States affected by erosion due to river Ganga are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

(c) & (d) During XI Plan period, central assistance is being provided to all the flood affected States for river management, flood control and anti- erosion works under a State sector scheme, namely, "Flood Management Programme (FMP)". A total of 97 works on river Ganga and its tributaries from seven Ganga basin States including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal with a total estimated cost of Rs. 4205.28 crore have been included under "FMP" during XI Plan and the central assistance amounting to Rs. 1627.91 crore has been released to the concerned States as on 29.02.2012 as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No. State Schemes Included under FMP Funds Released  
(as on 29.02.2012)

Nos. Total Cost Central Share

1	Bihar	43	1370.42	1027.80	629.15
2	Haryana	1	173.75	130.31	46.91
3	Himachal Pradesh	1	34.67	31.20	16.20
4	Jharkhand	3	39.30	29.47	17.07
5	Uttar Pradesh	26	667.57	500.67	283.79
6	Uttrankhand	12	119.82	104.71	34.57
7	West Bengal	11	1799.75	1349.81	600.22

Total 97 4205.28 3173.97 1627.91

Besides the above, grants-in-aid has also been provided to Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal states for taking up flood protection works on border rivers under the Central Sector Scheme "River Management Activities and works related to Border Areas" during XI Plan. The grants-in-Aid released to the State Governments under "River Management Activities and works related to Border Areas" are given as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No. Name of State Funds Released  
(as on 29.02.2012)

1 Bihar 163.96  
2 Uttar Pradesh 33.20  
3 West Bengal 88.83

Total 285.99