

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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CHECK ON SOIL EROSION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether river Ganga is causing soil erosion from Anandotsava Ashram to Saptrishi Ashram in Motichur of Dehradun district of Uttaranchal which is increasing every year due to which thousand of trees from the dense forest of Rajaji National Park are getting uprooted and flow of river Ganga is increasing towards residential areas posing a threat to them and 25-30 Ashram situated in the area including the forest cover;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the soil erosion and destruction of forest due to river Ganga and save the residential areas and the Ashrams;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to take any action in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) No Sir. According to Government of Uttarakhand the river Ganga cuts across the Shivaliks to reach the plains. During rainy season the flow of the river increases and causes flooding of the areas where it enters the plains and cause siltation in some places and cutting of stream banks in certain other places. This is a completely natural process and so far no cases of damage to private land or property or large scale uprooting of trees have been reported.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.