

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSALS FROM BIHAR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bihar is suffering from floods, water logging and erosion by rivers every year;
- (b) if so, the details of Central Schemes and assistance provided to prevent these disasters;
- (c) whether the State Government of Bihar has sent any proposal to the Union Government to tackle these problems; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) The floods are natural phenomenon. Depending upon their magnitude, the floods cause the problems of water logging and erosion every year in many parts of the country including the State of Bihar.

(b) The Union Government has been providing financial assistance to the States including the State of Bihar under following central schemes for effective flood management in critical areas.

(i) Flood Management Programme – The Flood Management Programme was launched by the Government of India in XI Plan under State Sector. Under this Programme, a total of 43 nos. of flood management/ anti-erosion projects of the State of Bihar were approved and the central assistance of Rs. 680.80 crore was released during XI Plan. Besides, the central assistance of Rs. 9.13 crore has also been released to the State Government of Bihar in the year, 2012-13 of XII Plan towards ongoing projects approved during XI Plan.

(ii) River Management Activities and Works related to Boarder Areas – Under this Central Sector Scheme, the central assistance is being provided to the State Government of Bihar for maintenance of embankments of Kosi and Gandak Projects in Nepal, raising and strengthening of embankments of rivers flowing from Nepal and Kosi breach closure works. Under this Scheme, the central assistance of Rs. 151.68 crore was released to the State Government of Bihar during XI Plan. Further, the central assistance of Rs. 9.24 crore has also been released to the State Government of Bihar in the year 2012-13 of XII Plan for maintenance of embankments of Kosi project in Nepal.

(c) and (d) During XI Plan, a total of 43 proposals of flood management/anti-erosion, with an estimated cost of Rs. 1370.42 crore and having approved central share of Rs.1027.80 crore were approved under Flood Management Programme against which a total of Rs.689.93 crore has been released during XI and XII Plans as mentioned under parts (a) and (b) above.

Besides, 15 nos. new projects of flood management /anti-erosion were also received from the State Government of Bihar in the years 2011-12 and 2012-13, out of which DPRs of 14 projects have been appraised by Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) and observations have been State Government of Bihar.