

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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PENDING PROJECTS IN NEPAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any dialogue has been held with Nepal for finding a permanent solution to the problem of flood in Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of projects pending in Nepal, the completion of which is likely to be helpful in resolving the problem of flood in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;
- (d) the reasons for delay in completion of said projects; and
- (e) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Government of India is in constant dialogue with the Government of Nepal for which a three tier mechanism consisting of Joint Ministerial level Commission on Water Resources (JMCWR) headed by Ministers of Water Resources of India and Nepal, Joint Committee on Water Resources (JCWR) at the level of Secretaries of Water Resources of India and Department of Energy of Nepal and Joint Standing Technical Committee (JSTC) to discuss issues related to development of water resources including flood management on the rivers common to India and Nepal exists.

(c) to (e) The following six projects have been conceived:

- i. Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project on river Sarda.
- ii. Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage-cum-Diversion Scheme on river Kosi.
- iii. Kamali (Chissapani) Multipurpose Project
- iv. Naumure Multipurpose Project on river Rapti.
- v. Kamla Dam Multipurpose Project on river Kamla.
- vi. Bagmati Multipurpose Project on river Bagmati.

These are expected to provide benefits to the people of India and Nepal, in the form of hydro-power, irrigation and flood moderation.

These projects are under various stages of investigation & planning and dialogue between the two countries for working out modalities. The reasons for delay includes political situation in Nepal, local resistance to investigation works to be carried out in the territory of Nepal etc.