

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:134
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SILT IN UTTARAKHAND RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to the natural calamity that occurred in Uttarakhand, lakhs of tonnes of debris has been deposited in several rivers including Bhagirathi, Asiganga, Saryu etc.;
- (b) if so, whether there is constant danger of flood in the rivers due to the said silt;
- (c) if so, the complete details thereof;
- (d) whether any plan has been prepared to remove the silt from the rivers of Uttarakhand; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) (c), (d) & (e) In Uttarakhand, the river have steep slopes due to which velocities of flow of water are generally higher as compared to the flat slopes in plains. As a result, the river water tends to remove the debris/silt from the narrow sections of the river and danger of floods due to earlier deposited debris gets reduced. However, Government of Uttarakhand has not provided with any specific details of debris deposited in the river due to natural calamity of June, 2013 or plans to remove it.