

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:77
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BOULDER PITCHING WORK
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any outline for construction of concrete dams and boulder pitching to check soil erosion caused by the rivers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for construction of 20 kilometres long concrete dam and boulder pitching to prevent soil erosion caused by the Gandak river in Kuchaikote, Bakauli, Majha, Baikunthpur and Sidhmalia blocks of Gopalganj district in Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) & (b) Government of India has been providing Central Assistance to State Governments under 'Flood Management Programme' for works related to flood management, anti-erosion, catchment area treatment and anti-sea-erosion including raising and strengthening of embankments involving inter-alia boulder pitching. The works of construction of concrete dams are, however, not included under the above programme.
- (c) No such proposal has been received in the Ministry of Water Resources.
- (d) Does not arise, in view of reply under part (c) above.