

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2062  
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LOSS OF INDIAN TERRITORY DUE TO SOIL EROSION  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a part of Indian territory is shifting towards Pakistan due to soil erosion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on date;
- (c) the total area lost by India as a result thereof;
- (d) whether the flow of the Ravi and the Beas Rivers has been diverted by Pakistan;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether it has led to damage to the fertile soil of Punjab;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent soil erosion?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (c) As informed by Government of Punjab, no part of Indian territory is shifting towards Pakistan due to soil erosion.

(d) to (h) As per Government of Punjab, construction of river training works at various locations on river Ravi by Pakistan leads to damage of fertile soil. To check the erosion, counter protective works are carried out at these locations by India in consultation with a team from Central Water Commission (CWC). As informed by CWC, there is no information as per records that the flow of rivers Ravi and Beas have been diverted by Pakistan.