

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2074
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FLOOD PRONE AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the flood prone area has increased in the country from 25 million hectares, in the First Five Year Plan to 45.6 million hectares in Tenth Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any comprehensive study in this regard including the study on continued deterioration and encroachment of watersheds along river basins;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has also assessed the effect/impact of construction of dams and barrages in flood control; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The flood prone area in the country was assessed by Rashtriya Barh Ayog (RBA) in 1980 as 40 million hectares; which was reassessed as 45.36 million hectares by the Working Group on Water Resources for the XI Five Year Plan (2007-12) on the basis of report from the State Governments.
- (c) to (f) The flood management being a State subject, the matter regarding comprehensive study on continued deterioration and encroachment of water sheds along river basins as well as on effect/impact of construction of dams etc. falls under the purview of respective State Governments and looked after by them.