

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4228  
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FLOOD PRONE AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has completed the task of identifying and categorizing flood prone areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to construct large scale reservoirs to store flood water for future irrigation use or planned diversion of the flood water; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION  
(PROF.SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a)&(b) The XII Plan Working Group on Flood Management and Region Specific Issues had compiled the area liable to floods in the country as 49.815 million hectare (mha) on the basis of information furnished by various States.

(c)&(d) National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has undertaken studies of 30 inter- basin links in Himalayan and peninsular regions besides intra-State links; which inter-alia include construction of dams for storing water for subsequent use in irrigation providing incidental flood moderation benefits.