

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

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IRRIGATION IN BIHAR  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the farmers of Jhanjharpur in Madhubani in Bihar are facing the problem of starvation in the absence of irrigation facilities;
- (b) if so, whether the construction of adequate number of sluice gates on the rivers Bihul, Kamala, Sugkhe, Bachraja flowing from Nepal through Jhanjharpur can irrigate lakhs of acres of land;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to take initiative in this regard in order to provide irrigation facility; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the said initiative is likely to be taken?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Government of Bihar has informed that irrigation facilities are being provided to the farmers of Jhanjharpur in Madhubani District through Western Kosi Canal system, and also through Sugarway and Bachraja weir system.
- (b) to (d): As informed by Government of Bihar, separate weirs have already been constructed on Kamla, Sugarway and Bachraja rivers, irrigating an area of 14,383 hectares, 500 hectares and 195 hectares, respectively in Jhanjharpur during Kharif season of 2014. Further, technical feasibility of construction of weir on Bihul river as well as sluice gates on the rivers flowing from Nepal is being examined by the Government of Bihar.