

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Flood from Rivers Flowing from Nepal
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the rivers flowing from Nepal are causing heavy flood and soil erosion in certain parts of the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details and facts thereof;
- (b) whether India and Nepal has proposed a joint committee to look into the issues and if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (c) whether the issue was discussed during the recent Prime Minister's visit to Nepal and if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(SUSHRI UMA BHARTI)

(a) Yes, Madam. The Government of India is aware that some of the rivers flowing from Nepal into India cause heavy flood and soil erosion in Eastern Uttar Pradesh and North Bihar. The flood damages caused in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during last three years are annexed.

(b) Both the Governments of India and Nepal have a continuous dialogue for development of water resources of common rivers for mutual benefits. The discussions inter-alia include issues related to flood management and mitigation of devastation caused by the floods. There is well-established three-tier bilateral mechanism - Joint Ministerial level Commission on Water Resources (JMCWR) headed by Minister (WR, RD &GR), Joint Committee on Water Resources (JCWR) led by Secretary (WR, RD &GR) and Joint Standing Technical Committee (JSTC) under the Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) to oversee the entire gamut of cooperation on water related issues.

(c) The issue of expediting implementation of Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project was discussed during the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to Nepal held in August 2014. As an outcome, an Indo-Nepal Pancheshwar Development Authority (PDA) has been set up for expediting completion of DPR of Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project on river Mahakali (Sarada in India) and implementation of Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project.
