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Dredging of Rivers

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to dredge major rivers and dams in the country including Ganga, Godawari etc. and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has adopted new approach for treating and processing of dredged materials and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any technical study has been conducted in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) The aspects of siltation in rivers have been studied in the past by a Committee headed by Dr. B.K. Mittal, ex-Chairman, CWC. This Committee has not recommended dredging in large rivers in general as a solution for improvement of channel capacity due to problems associated with repeated high cost of maintenance and disposal of excavated earth. However, dredging has been recommended in specific reaches of river or at its mouth, if found techno-economically feasible on the basis of required model studies.

(b) According to Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA), the dredged spoils are dumped either in the secondary channel of the river or the area demarcated for the purpose. No other new approach for treating and processing of dredged material is presently adopted.

(c) No technical study has been conducted for disposing the dredged material.
