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Impact of widening of Ghaggar River
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by the farmers and residents due to increasing width of Ghaggar river during rainy season in Haryana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any plan with the Government to restrict the river from destroying the crops of farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with time schedule fixed for the same?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government is aware of the problems being faced by the farmers and residents of Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan in the Ghaggar basin during flood season. The main reasons of flooding in Ghaggar basin are, construction of embankments along the banks of river Ghaggar and its tributaries separating major parts of the spill area, reduced flood absorption capacity of the river due to raised sub soil water levels due to extensive irrigation in Punjab and Haryana from Bhakra canal system, lesser capacity of cross drainage works to pass the additional flows due to channelization of several choes and drains.

(c) & (d) The measures of flood management are formulated and executed by the State Governments, as per their own priorities. The Central Government provides technical & advisory support to the State Governments in formulation of such measures.

The Central Government had set up a Ghaggar Standing Committee (GSC) to resolve the interstate issues and to accord clearance to projects in the Ghaggar basin from inter-state angle and lay down priorities for their implementation. In its meeting held in August, 2010, the GSC had constituted a Team of Experts from CWC and co-basin States. The Team of Experts had submitted its report suggesting remedial measures to mitigate the flood problem in Ghaggar basin in a comprehensive manner. Based on the above report, CWC carried out hydrodynamic studies and suggested remedial measures, which include construction of remaining 6 dams, remodelling the river Ghaggar and its tributaries, construction of control structures in the main river as well as its tributaries & increasing the capacity of cross drainage works.
