

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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FLOODS IN AMRITSAR

3337. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that every year during monsoon the swollen Ravi river floods the areas of Ajnala Raja Sahansi of Amritsar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the new measures proposed and the steps being taken by the Government to address the issue along with the time-frame fixed in this regard; and
- (c) the details of loss of life, property and crops, if any, incurred due to non-completion of the aforesaid measures?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The Government is aware that monsoon brings floods in River Ravi which results in floods in the areas of Ajnala Raja Sahansi of Amritsar.

The subject of flood management being under the purview of the States, the schemes for flood control are formulated and implemented by concerned States as per their priority. The Union Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical guidance and promotional financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas.

A project namely "Flood protection works to be executed along the Indo-Pakistan border on River Ravi and its tributary Ujh-Phase-I" benefitting the areas of Ajnala and Rajasansi of Amritsar District has been taken up by Govt. of Punjab with approved cost of Rs.29.89 crore for critical works to be completed by March 2018 under the central sector Plan scheme River Management Activities and Works related to Border Areas (RMBA). As informed by the State Government, no major loss of life, property and agriculture has occurred after 1988 and 1995 floods. Floods have been moderated to a large extent due to construction of Rajnit Sagar Dam.
