

(Saharasa) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the water that flows from the Himalayas, Nepal and Indo-China Border area into the Kosi river in my Constituency Saharasa, falls into the river Ganges as a result of which there are floods every year in this area. The erosion caused by the speedy flow in the river Kosi makes it divert its route every now and then resulting in a heavy loss of life and property.

The Government of Bihar and the Government of India spend Rs. 100 crore for relief work every year but do not make permanent arrangements for checking floods. Not only this, the whole of Northern Bihar is affected by drought due to scarcity of water. Once the flood water recedes. The local populace has to face the twin problems of floods and drought in one and the same season. The water flowing from the border area can be straight-away diverted to the river Ganges through the middle of a big dam, if it is constructed over Kosi. This way, Northern Bihar can be saved from the scourge of floods and the land in the surrounding area can also be irrigated and electricity can be generated on a large scale. Besides that, fish trade can also be carried out.

The Government of Bihar and the Government of India have many times held negotiations with Nepal in this connection but the results are not forthcoming so far.

Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to immediately complete the detailed Project report and the agreement of construction and get a big dam constructed there.

**(iii) Need to Rehabilitate people displaced by Subarna Rekha Project in Orissa.**

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KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA (Mayurbhanj) : Deputy Speaker, Sir, Subarna Rekha Project in Orissa was started seven years back. The project displaced many villages. As a result, many people were rendered homeless and they were deprived of their agricultural land.

Ten years have already passed but the assurance given by the Government has not been fulfilled so far. The displaced people have not been rehabilitated. The area survey work has partially been done. Only a few number of affected people have been given compensation.

The affected villagers are now crying for rehabilitation. Within the Project the river Jhangira rehabilitation work has not been taken up. The work on the project has been held up also for the last four to five years.

I urge upon the Central Government to provide adequate financial assistance so that the project is completed and survey work for rehabilitation of the people is done properly.

**(iv) Need to restore the old scheme of 10% contribution by factories for modernising plants in Sugar Industry.**

SHRI ANNA JOSHI (Pune) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Government of Maharashtra have requested the Government of India to give maximum assistance from the Sugar Development Fund. Earlier the factories used to contribute 10 per cent of the expenditure for modernising their