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**Title: Regarding establishment of a National Seemanchal Flood Management Board**

**DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED (KISHANGANJ):** The four districts of Kishanganj, Katihar, Araria, and Purnia which is also known as the Seemanchal region in north-eastern Bihar get heavily flooded during monsoon. Water from Nepal enters India through Kishanganj district and also from others states. Floods in the last few years have washed away thousands of acres of land including whole villages and displaced lakhs of people of Purnea and Kishanganj districts. Every Monsoon, government schools, graveyards, anganbadi Kendras, Mosques, houses are devoured by the rivers. Kishanganj is ranked economically lowest amongst other districts of India by NITI Aayog's report. I raised this matter several times on the floor of the house and also took up the matter with the Hon'ble Jal shakti Minister. The minister, in his reply, stated that the matter comes under Bihar government. I then took up the matter with Bihar government but the issue still persists. Mahananda basin project of the central government is still in its nascent stage. Speedy completion of this project would save many lives and land in the Seemanchal region. Flood rescue work in Seemanchal faces issues like alleged corruption coupled with non-cooperation of government officials. I demand a National Seemanchal Flood Management Board immediately to manage the flood crisis.