

### **Regarding devastation caused by flood in rivers Ganga, Koshi and Fulhare**

**SHRI KHAGEN MURMU (MALDAH UTAR):** Honourable Chairperson Madam, I have mentioned this fact repeatedly in the House for the past six years. I would like to mention it again before you today. Due to heavy rainfall and a decrease in the depth of the river, the water level of the Ganga, Phulhar and Koshi rivers is flowing above the danger limit every year, resulting in terrible flood situation. More than 800 families have been affected by the devastating impact on the riverbank settlements in the villages of Mahanandtola and Bilaimari gram panchayats of Ratua-1 block of my Lok Sabha constituency, Khasmahal, Nasiruddintola, Gangaramtola, Kantutola, Srikantatola etc. In comparison, more than 235 families in the villages of North and South Bhakuria, Rashidpur of Harishchandrapur-2 block have been affected by the erosion of the Phulhar river.

Unfortunately, the villagers have been displaced and are forced to live in the open space along the government roads due to the severe erosion of the three rivers. Madam, through you, I would like to request through you to the Government to kindly provide proper relief and compensation as soon as possible and rehabilitate the flood-affected people.

In this situation, I request you to immediately take up the issue of flood-affected areas along the banks of Ganga, Phulhar and Koshi rivers with the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Hon'ble C. R. Patil and the Government of West Bengal and make arrangements for the rehabilitation of the flood-affected people and permanent prevention of erosion.

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