

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:178
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2005
MAHANANDA PROJECT
Sen Smt. Minati

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in 1991 a project was planned to control the floods of Ganga basins;
- (b) if so, whether the plan was expanded in the year 2000 to encounter the floods of rivers including Gomati, Gharghara and Mahananda;
- (c) if so, whether in 1999-2000 after evaluation, the Flood Control Commission accepted important plans to protect Lucknow city from floods and to go in for embankment of Mahanada;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether a grant of Rs. 36 crore has been accorded for Mahananda Project of North Bengal, out of which the Union Government has to grant Rs. 26 crore and Rs.10 crore to be shared by the State Government; and
- (f) if so, the steps initiated so far by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.178 FOR REPLY ON 05.12.2005 REGARDING MAHANANDA PROJECT

(a) & (b) The Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) had prepared a Comprehensive Plan for the flood management in the Ganga basin as a whole in 1986. This included plans for Gharghara, Gomati and Mahananda rivers. Subsequently the updation of Comprehensive Plans were taken up from 1991.

(c)&(d) After consideration of all relevant factors the Government of Uttar Pradesh have prepared 8 schemes which propose totally embankments to a length of 36.50 km to enhance the protection of Lucknow city from floods of river Gomati.

(e)&(f) In September 2005, Ministry of Environment & Forests sanctioned a project for the abatement of pollution of river Mahananda, Jorapani and Fuleswari Streams at Siliguri town of West Bengal at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.3680 crore out of which the share of Central Government and State Government will be Rs.26.1576 crore and Rs.11.2104 crore respectively.