

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:666  
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TASK FORCE TO MAP FLOOD PRONE AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a Task Force was set up to map and zone flood- prone areas spread over 45 million hectares;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has implemented the recommendations of the Task Force in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the recommendations of the Task Force in respect of flood-prone areas of West Bengal;
- (e) whether the Central Water Commission (CWC) has been provided with the latest equipments in this regard; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f) The Central Water Commission through Survey of India took up preparation of maps of identified flood prone areas in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Assam, and Jammu & Kashmir and an area of 54,740 sq. km. was surveyed. Subsequently a Working Group was constituted by the Ministry of Water Resources during June 1999 to go into various aspects relating to maps prepared by the Survey of India in the field of water resources. Based on the report of the Working Group a scheme has been formulated by CWC for digitization and updating of these maps. The CWC gets the works related to flood prone area mapping through specialized agencies.