

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:656

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FUNDS TO BIHAR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EMBANKMENT

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Champaran embankment of Gandhak river in West Champaran at Pujapajirwaha in Bihar was washed away due to floods;

(b) if so, whether ring bandh on the embankment of Gandhak river was also washed away;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide any assistance to the State Government for construction of embankment bandh to save the people from the fury of flood in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes Sir. As reported by Government of Bihar, during the flood 2003 an unprecedented water discharge of 6.49 lakh cusecs in river Gandak on 7.7.2003 caused scouring at bed level. As such the Champaran embankment was washed away in a length of about 710 m.

(b) Yes Sir. As informed by the State Government, Pujha- Dumaria (P.D) Ring Bandh situated in between Champaran Embankment and river edge was also washed away at four different locations in a total length of 3390 m.

(c) & (d) The portion of embankment mentioned in part (a) and

(d) forms part of already approved scheme, "Raising and Strengthening of Champaran Embankment on river Gandak" included under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), "Critical Anti Erosion Works in Ganga Basin States". The full central share

(75% of estimated cost) amounting to Rs. 561.75 lakh out of the total estimated cost of Rs. 749 lakh has already been released to the State Government. The Government of Bihar submitted a new scheme amounting to Rs. 6.67 crore in February 2004, which could not be considered as this was not included in the CSS.