

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO ORISSA FOR FLOOD CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of wide spread flooding by rivers in Orissa;
- (b) if so, whether the State Government has requested the Union Government of India for financial
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto and the funds provided to the State Government to meet to meet such situation during the last four years

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir. Orissa is one of the flood affected states in the country. The problem of flooding is mostly concentrated in the lower deltaic areas of rivers Mahanadi, Brahmani, Baitarani and Subarnarekha.
- (b)&(c) Flood Management including river erosion being a state subject, investigation, planning and implementation of flood management schemes are within the purview of the State Govt. The Central Government renders assistance which are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. Govt. of Orissa has submitted Flood Protection/Flood Proofing Schemes worth Rs.267.72 crore and Drainage Schemes worth Rs. 608.01 crore including Master Plan for Drainage Development in coastal belt of Orissa.
- (d) One time additional Central Assistance of Rs.2.00 crore for anti river erosion and anti sea erosion projects and Rs.0.38 crore for Madhusudanpur – Gohari Drainage System has been granted by Planning Commissions during 2002 – 03. Further, Ministry of Water Resources under a centrally sponsored scheme namely "Improvement of drainage in critical areas of the country" has approved in February 2004, a drainage scheme namely, "Improvement of Drainage system and improvement of Orissa Coast Canal (Range-III) in Bhograi and Jaleswar Blocks of Balasur district of Orissa" at an estimated cost of Rs.14.78 crore which includes Rs.13.13 crore as central share.