

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DRAINAGE CAPACITY OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the growing deterioration of the drainage capacity of river Ganga in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to resolve the problem arising out of the increasing deterioration of the drainage capacity of such river basins?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) Flood Management being a State subject, schemes for flood control and drainage are planned, formulated & executed by the State Governments depending upon their priorities and available resources.

The process of aggradation and degradation which has influence on drainage capacity of river channel is a natural and dynamic phenomenon having manifestations of both time and space. Accordingly, the changes in the drainage capacity of a river is time and space variant. No reports of increasing deterioration of drainage capacity of river Ganga have been received from any basin States.

The above aspect was also examined by the Mittal Committee set up to study the problem of silting in rivers. The committee recommended that the carrying capacity of the rivers should be monitored on regular basis to obtain complete knowledge regarding aggradation/degradation. The recommendations of the committee have been sent to the State Governments.