

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LAND EROSION

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian territory is being lost to various countries including Nepal as a result of land erosion;
- (b) if so, the total area India has lost as a result thereof so far;
- (c) the remedial measures contemplated by the Government to prevent the land erosion;
- (d) whether consultations were held with the neighbouring countries particularly Nepal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Land erosion along the rivers is a natural phenomenon and occurs especially in alluvial plains. Due to erosion bank lines of the river keep moving on either side at different places. Being a continuous process, no account is available on land loss from the state governments.

Flood Management being State subject, the flood control schemes are planned, investigated and implemented by the State Governments with their own funds. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. However, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the flood affected States under various plan schemes in order to enable them to take up flood management works in critical areas.

Consultations are being held regularly with neighboring countries on land erosion problem, particularly in Nepal. A Standing Committee on Inundation Problem (SCIP) between India and Nepal was setup in 1986 for dealing the problem. Last meeting of the committee was held from 30th August-1st September, 2006 at Patna.