

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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REPAIR OF EMBANKMENT OF BAGMATI RIVER IN BIHAR
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the repair and strengthening of embankment of Bagmati river has been undertaken by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether complaints regarding use of inferior quality material in the said repairs has been received by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government to ensure good construction material used in such repairs; and
- (e) the action taken against guilty persons in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. As a follow up of the understanding reached between Hon'ble Prime Ministers of India and Nepal, in 1991, the extension of embankment on rivers Lalbakeya, Kamla, Bagmati and Khando were undertaken and an amount of Rs. 1.50 crore was released to Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar during IX plan for river Bagmati. This central plan scheme namely 'Raising, Strengthening & Extension of Existing Embankments on Lalbakeya, Kamla Bagmati & Khando rivers' was continued in X Plan with an estimated cost of Rs. 46.00 crore. From this scheme, central funds amounting to Rs.9.93 crore were released to the State Government for river Bagmati in X Plan.

(c) As reported by the Ganga Flood Control Commission, Patna, which is a subordinate organization under the Ministry of Water Resources looking after Flood management works in Ganga Basin states; no complaint was received by them regarding inferior quality material used in the works. As per the approved scheme, the execution of works is done by the State Government.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.