

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2467
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DISASTER CAUSED BY KOSI
Yadav Shri Ranjan Prasad

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has discussed the disaster caused by the kosi river in Bihar last year with Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Nepalese Government thereto;
- (c) the steps taken/to be taken by both the countries to prevent the re-occurrence of such disasters in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. During the visit of former Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' to India in September, 2008, both sides decided to launch relief and rehabilitation measures for the affected people, reconstruction of damaged infrastructure and take up preventive measures to avoid recurrence of such events in future. Discussions between the two countries have also taken place several times at various levels, in particular, regarding breach closure works. The breached section has been restored with full cooperation of Government of Nepal.

(c) The entire 32 km. length of Eastern Aftlux Bund (EAB) of Kosi Barrage in Nepal has already been repaired and strengthened. A joint patrolling of the entire EAB is carried out round the clock and Government of Nepal is providing full security.