

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 19.11.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**CONSTRUCTION ALONG WITH RIVER BANKS .**

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Central Water Commission and other professional bodies of Government have warned against the construction of major concrete structures along with river banks to avoid flooding in populated regions;
- (b) if so, how many major structures of the Commonwealth Games are yet being built along the banks of river Yamuna;
- (c) whether the Organizing Committee and the State Government obtained the approval of Central Water Commission and the relevant professional bodies of Government, in view of their advice against construction of major structures; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) The Central Water Commission (CWC) had formulated a model bill on "Flood Plain Zoning" and circulated to all the State Governments for enactment by the respective State Assembly to restrict the developmental activities in the flood plains, first in 1975 and then again in 2000. Further, there is a Yamuna Standing Committee which was set up in 1961 under the chairmanship of Member (River Management), Central Water Commission which looks after the developmental activities in the flood plains of the river Yamuna in Delhi region.

(b) As reported by the Delhi Development Authority, Commonwealth Games Village is being constructed on the eastern side of the river Yamuna about 1200 m away from the left bank of the river.

(c) The land for Commonwealth Games has been reclaimed from the flood plains of Yamuna after obtaining approval of "Yamuna Standing Committee" on 8th April, 1997. The Organizing Committee / State Government did not submit any other proposal for construction of major structures for Commonwealth Games for approval of the Yamuna Standing Committee.

(d) Does not arise.