

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 18.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**WATER LOGGING DURING RAINY SEASON IN BIHAR .**

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SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that cultivation becomes impossible on large area of land throughout the year in Bihar due to water logging during rainy season; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far to deal with above problem?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) As per information furnished by Government of Bihar, total waterlogged area in Bihar was 9.41 lakh ha. which includes 1.06 lakh ha. of Mokama Taal. Waterlogged areas of about 2.50 lakh ha. are economically unviable for drainage and cannot be brought under cultivation.

(b) Till now, 2.64 lakh ha. has been reclaimed by State Plan projects and Centrally sponsored/State Sector Command Area Development & Water Management (CADWM) programme. There is a programme to reclaim an area of 37.634 thousand ha. in the year 2010-11.