

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1508**

ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024

**LOSS IN WEST BENGAL DUE TO GANGA EROSION**

1508. SHRI SAMIRUL ISLAM

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of houses and land that were lost this year due to Ganga erosion in West Bengal;
- (b) whether compensation has been provided to those who lost their properties; and
- (c) whether is the department's plan to prevent further Ganga erosion, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) State wise data on flood damages is compiled by Central Water Commission based on information received from concerned States. The flood damage data pertaining to West Bengal for last 3 years i.e. 2021 to 2023 is given at **Annexure**.

(b) The primary responsibility of disaster management rests with the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government and provides requisite logistics and financial support. The State Government undertakes assessment of damages caused due to 12 notified natural calamities including rain and floods and provide relief assistance from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal as per Government of India's approved norms. Additional financial assistance is provided from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as per laid down procedure in case of disaster of 'severe nature' which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT).

(c) Flood management and anti-erosion schemes are formulated and implemented by concerned State Governments as per their priority. The Union Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical guidance and also promotional financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas. To strengthen the structural measures of flood management, Ministry had implemented during XI & XII Plan Flood Management Programme (FMP) for providing Central Assistance to States for works related to river management, flood control, anti-erosion, drainage development, anti-sea erosion, etc. which subsequently continued as a component of "Flood Management and Border Areas Programme" (FMBAP) for the period from 2017-18 to 2020-21 and further continued for a period of 5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26 with total outlay of Rs. 4,100 crore.

Further, As per the request of State Government of West Bengal, a Committee comprising members from the State Government of West Bengal and concerned Central Government Departments, under the chairmanship of Chairman, Central Water Commission has been constituted by the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation to undertake a joint detailed technical study for an integrated plan to combat the threat of erosion posed by Ganga-Padma river in the district of Malda, Murshidabad & Nadia in West Bengal.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1508 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.12.2024 REGARDING “LOSS IN WEST BENGAL DUE TO GANGA EROSION”.**

<b>WEST BENGAL</b>											
<b>STATEMENT SHOWING FLOOD DAMAGE DURING 2021 TO 2023</b>											
<b>Sl. Nos.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Area affected in (m. ha.)</b>	<b>Population affected in (million )</b>	<b>Damage to Crops</b>		<b>Damage to Houses</b>		<b>Cattle lost nos.</b>	<b>Human lives lost nos.</b>	<b>Damage to public utilities (Rs. Crore)</b>	<b>Total damages crops, houses &amp; public utilities (Rs. Crore)</b>
				<b>Area (m. ha)</b>	<b>Value (Rs. Crore)</b>	<b>Nos.</b>	<b>Value (Rs. Crore)</b>				
1	2021	1.01	4.00	0.97	6355.76	236201	3383.23	136	163	6340.46	16079.45
2	2022	0.02	0.06	0.00	0.26	3028	3.11	1	25	0.32	3.69
3	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>4.06</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>6356.02</b>	<b>239229</b>	<b>3386.34</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>6340.78</b>	<b>16083.14</b>

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