

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 884

ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

**REGIONS AFFECTED BY THE OVERFLOW OF THE KOSI, GANDAK,
AND BAGMATI RIVERS**

884 # Dr. BHIM SINGH:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any centralized data regarding the massive annual losses suffered by farmers across all flood-affected areas of the State of Bihar including Saharsa, Supaul, Darbhanga, Madhubani, Muzaffarpur, Purnia and Katihar—due to the overflowing of the Kosi, Gandak and Bagmati rivers; and
- (b) whether Government is implementing any special central package or permanent flood control action plan for these specific districts of Bihar to safeguard the livelihoods of farmers and protect cultivable land in these areas, which are highly prone to severe flooding, river erosion and waterlogging?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) The data regarding annual losses suffered by farmers across all flood-affected areas of the country is not maintained centrally.

Flood management and anti-erosion schemes are formulated and implemented by the concerned State Governments as per their priorities. The Union Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical guidance as well as promotional financial assistance for the management of floods in critical areas.

The Union Government is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme, namely, the Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP), to provide central assistance to States for works related to flood control, anti-erosion, drainage development, anti-sea erosion, etc.

So far, central assistance amounting to Rs.1756.22 crores has been released to the State of Bihar under the Programme since its inception. A total of 43 flood management projects have been completed under the Flood Management Programme component of FMBAP in the State of Bihar, providing reasonable protection to an area of approximately 28.84 lakh hectares and benefiting a population of about 226.46 lakh.

Further, in the districts of Saharsa, Supaul, Darbhanga, Madhubani, Muzaffarpur, Purnia and Katihar in Bihar, 14 flood management projects, costing Rs. 652.51 crores have been completed with central assistance of Rs. 376.50 crores. These projects have provided reasonable protection to an area of approximately 1.76 lakh hectares and benefited a population of about 112.17 lakh.

To address drainage issues in Saharsa and Supaul districts, the Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar has undertaken desiltation works in the Tilawe Dhar and Sursar Dhar respectively, which are tributaries of the Kosi River.
