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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 99

ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026

FLOOD MANAGEMENT IN CUTTACK

99. Shri DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY:

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

- (a) the measures taken to protect Cuttack from recurrent floods caused by the Mahanadi river system;
- (b) the Central assistance provided for embankment strengthening and flood management works;
- (c) whether any comprehensive flood management project has been approved for Cuttack; and
- (d) the present status of such projects?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (d) 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 through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, the Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (**FMBAP**), to provide central assistance for works related to flood control, anti-erosion, drainage development, anti-sea erosion, etc. Five flood management works have been completed in Cuttack district of Odisha with central assistance of Rs.1,166.75 Lakh under the scheme since its inception to protect the district from recurrent floods caused by the Mahanadi River System.

The Government of Odisha has informed that, to protect Cuttack district from floods in Mahanadi river system, flood protection measures have been undertaken in different stretches under different schemes such as Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), etc. with budgetary support from the State Government. A City Protection Embankment has been constructed on the right bank of the River Mahanadi.

Further, the State Government has informed that a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System, along with automation of barrage gates, has been installed at the Mahanadi Barrage and the Naraj Barrage to facilitate flood management and regulate barrage gate operations during heavy floods for the protection of Cuttack city.
