

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*194
ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

DISAPPEARANCE OF SARASWATI RIVER

†*194. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has conducted any search to trace the disappeared Saraswati river and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any budgetary provision is under consideration for the purpose;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make a provision of budget under the project for drinking water/irrigation in Haryana and Rajasthan in view of water crises there; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS AND SHIPPING

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. †*194 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.03.2018 REGARDING “DISAPPEARANCE OF SARASWATI RIVER” ASKED BY COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY, M.P

(a) The Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR constituted an Expert Committee to review available information on Palaeo-channels. The Expert Committee based on Remote Sensing, Geological, Hydrogeological and Archaeological evidences has concluded that a large Himalayan born river flowed through the wide channel of Ghaggar-Hakara-Nara from Himalayas to Rann of Kachh.

(b) to (e) At present, there is no budget provision in the Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR for Saraswati River project.
