

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †739**  
ANSWERED ON 07.02.2019

**INSPECTION OF SILT IN GANGA RIVER**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any inspection of the silt deposited in Ganga river particularly in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received any report of the same and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government has also been included in the work of inspection; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) On the request of State Government of Bihar regarding the issue of floods and siltation in the State, a Central team led by Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, along with senior officials and experts viz. Shri A.B. Pandya, former Chairman, Central Water Commission and Prof. Z. Ahmed, IIT Roorkee, had visited the State on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 and held discussions with State Government officials. An aerial survey of the reach of river Ganga from Buxar to Farakka was carried out by this team.

The Central team held discussions with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar along with State Government officials and experts. Subsequently, a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri A.B. Pandya, Former Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC), to address the issues of floods and siltation in the State of Bihar. The opinion of State Government of Bihar was also obtained in respect of constitution of this Committee including its Terms of Reference. The Committee has since submitted its report to the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation which has been circulated for wider consultation.

(c) & (d) The Committee during one of its meeting, conducted an aerial survey of reaches of river Ganga from Buxar to Farakka and reach of river Ghaghra from Ganga-Ghagra confluence to Turtipar. The officials of Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar and Water and Land Management Institute, Patna also participated in this aerial survey, apart from other members of the Committee.