

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. ‡3151**  
ANSWERED ON 11.07.2019

**SILT IN GANGA**

‡3151. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has examined the silt deposits in Ganga river in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government has also been involved in this examination; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(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 of the then Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, along with senior officials and experts viz. Shri A.B. Pandya, former Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC) 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, CWC, including members nominated by Government of Bihar which also studied the morphological changes, silt load and sedimentation problem.

(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-Ghaghra 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.

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