

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1567

ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022

RIVER BANK EROSION

1567 SHRIMATI MALA ROY
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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to prevent the Ganges and Fulhar river bank erosion in Malda and Murshidabad districts especially in Mahanandatola and Vilaimarianchal villages of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has released any funds to carry out erosion prevention projects and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) Flood management including erosion control falls within the purview of the States and accordingly, flood management and anti-erosion schemes are formulated and implemented by concerned State Governments as per their priority. The Union Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical guidance and also promotional financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas. The State Government of West Bengal has informed that several initiatives have been taken to prevent the bank erosion of rivers Ganges and Fulhar in Malda and Murshidabad districts including in Mahanandatola and Vilaimarianchal villages of Malda district in West Bengal which includes the bank protection works for a cumulative length of 1.795 Km in Vilaimari village at a cost of Rs. 6.65 crore during 2021-22. Irrigation & Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal is preparing a comprehensive Detailed Project Report (DPR) for taking up required and appropriate anti-erosion measures in the entire 163 Km stretch of Ganga-Padma in West Bengal, which also includes 6 Km inter-state border stretch.

To strengthen the structural measures of flood management, Ministry had implemented Flood Management Programme (FMP) during XI & XII Plan, for providing central assistance to States for works related to flood control, anti-erosion, drainage development, anti-sea erosion, etc. which subsequently continued as a component of "Flood Management and Border Areas Programme" (FMBAP) for the period from 2017-18 to 2020-21 and further extended up to September 2022 with limited outlay. From the State of West Bengal, 18 projects were included for central assistance under FMP component of FMBAP. The completed projects have given protection to an area of around 0.937 Lakh ha and protected a population of about 23.5 Lakh. So far central assistance amounting to Rs. 1051.96 Crore has been released to the State of West Bengal under FMP component of FMBAP. The details of three ongoing projects under FMP in the State of West Bengal, the year-wise central assistance released, etc. is at **Annexure-I**. Further, the Farakka Barrage Project, located in Murshidabad District of West Bengal under DoWR, RD&GR takes up river bank protection works in its jurisdiction (12.5 km in the upstream and 6.9 km in the downstream of Farakka Barrage) for the safety and security of the barrage and its appurtenant structures built on river Ganga.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1567 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2022 REGARDING “RIVER BANK EROSION”

S. No.	Project Name	Central assistance released in Rs. Crores	
1	Reconstruction, remodeling and improvement of embankments in Sunderban and adjoining areas in the districts of North and South 24 Parganas, damaged by severe cyclone, “AILA”. (WB-16)	Up to March, 2016	525.75
		FY 2018-19	23.65
		FY 2019-20	117.12
2	Drainage Scheme for Kaliaghahi-Kapaleshwari-Baghahi Basin in district Madinipur (WB). (WB-17)	Up to March, 2016	162.19
		FY 2017-18	8.09
3.	Improvement of embankment and ancillary works in Kandi and other adjoining areas of district of Murshidabad. (WB-18)	Up to March, 2016	12.38
		FY 2016-17	12.61
		FY 2017-18	56.94
		FY 2021-23	44.15
