

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

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that National Highway-10 and villages along Teesta River are gradually getting eroded due to multiple dams along the river and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to avoid erosion along the river basin; and
- (c) whether the Government takes cognizance of the urgency of the matter and minimise risk to the people living in the area?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has informed that damages have been reported along National Highway-10 (NH-10) at some places which is running parallel to Teesta River. These damages occur mainly during monsoon season primarily due to natural reasons such as surface runoff, improper drainage system and due to river water infiltration in the hill slope causing landslides, slope instability/failure.

(b) & (c) The schemes for flood control, anti-erosion works, river management, drainage development, flood proofing works, restoration of damaged flood management works are formulated and implemented by concerned States 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. National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC), under Ministry of Power is maintaining two power stations at Teesta Low Dam-III and Teesta Low Dam-IV projects and has carried out protective measures like construction of concrete clad wire crate works, gabion walls, catch water drains, breast walls, anchoring etc., as a part of exhaustive Reservoir Rim Treatment (RRT). NHPC regularly monitors the banks of reservoir and protection measures are provided in vulnerable areas.
