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LOK SABHA
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FLOODS IN SEEMANCHAL

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has sought proposal from the Government of Bihar regarding Mahananda river basin to mitigate the impact of annual floods in Seemanchal region; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Union Government proposes to start the work on Mahananda river basin?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (b) Flood management including erosion control falls within the purview of the States. 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 Government of India has been making continuous efforts to assist the State Governments in effective flood management and erosion control. During XI Plan Government of India had launched Flood Management Programme (FMP) for providing Central Assistance to States for works related to flood management and erosion control which continued during XII Plan and thereafter, as a component of "Flood Management and Border Areas Programme" (FMBAP) for the period from 2017-18 to 2020-21. Central Assistance to the tune of Rs 924.41 Crores has been provided to State of Bihar up to March 2021 under FMP component of this Programme.

Government of Bihar has contemplated "Mahananda Flood Management Programme" in five phases in order to protect Purnea, Araria, Kishanganj and Katihar Districts of Seemanchal region from the flood of Mahananda River and its tributaries. Under Mahananda Flood Management Programme, new embankments of length 1194.291 km are to be constructed along Mahananda River & its tributaries and on Mechi, Kankai, Bakra, Parman rivers. This programme involves raising and strengthening of existing embankments of length about 95.20 km. The works of the Phase I are complete and central assistance amounting to Rs.68.8 crores was given to State Government of Bihar under Flood management Programme (FMP) of Ministry. In respect of Phase II, techno-economic clearance has been accorded by Department of Water Resources & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
