

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1979**  
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2021

**PROBLEM OF EROSION BY RIVER GANGA IN WEST BENGAL**

1979. SHRI KHALILUR RAHAMAN

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problem of erosion caused by the river Ganga in Murshidabad district of West Bengal resulting in leaving thousands homeless and huge loss of life and property, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan for a permanent solution to the problem of erosion in Murshidabad district and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposed to set up an expert committee to recommend a permanent solution to the problem and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) The Government is aware of the problem of erosion caused by the river Ganga in Murshidabad District. As informed by State Government of West Bengal, around 730 hectare of land has been eroded during the period between 2005 to 2019 in the adjoining areas of the river Ganga-Padma in the district of Murshidabad comprising Farakka, Samsargunj, Suti-I & II, Raghunathgunj-II, Lalgola, Bhawangola-I & II, Raninagar-II, Jalangi blocks and Dhuliyon Municipality.

(b) & (c) 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. During 2017-2020, Irrigation & Waterways Department (I&WD) of State Government of West Bengal, completed 21 critical spots for protecting river bank covering the Districts of Malda, Murshidabad and Nadia. During 2019-20, I&WD, Government of West Bengal prepared a project proposal for arresting erosion in critical vulnerable reaches on river Ganga-Padma in these districts.

State Government of West Bengal has informed that during the current financial year of 2021-22, bank protection works for a total length of 4525 m at critical vulnerable reaches of river Ganga-Padma at Samsargunj, Farakka, Bhawangola-I and Jalangi blocks in the Murshidabad District have been approved under State budget.

Farakka Barrage Project has also undertaken river bank protection works, in critical reaches in its jurisdiction, as per the recommendation of Technical Advisory Committee of Farakka Barrage Project.

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