

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

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey of water logged areas in States including Bihar and if so, the details thereof along with the number of such areas in Madhubani and Darbhanga districts;
- (b) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for permanent solution to the problem of waterlogging in identified areas of the said districts and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of funds sanctioned and utilised by the Government in this regard during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government has set any target in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to achieve the said targets at the earliest?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) During years 2003-2008, Central Water Commission (CWC) under this Ministry got conducted a study for assessment of waterlogging and alkaline affected soils in the command area of all major and medium irrigation (MMI) projects in the country. The study, carried out by Regional Remote Sensing Service Centre, ISRO, Jodhpur, covered a total of 1701 nos. of projects consisting of 88,896 thousand hectare command. The said study assessed a total of 1,719 thousand hectare land in the country as waterlogged.

This study also included 132 major and medium irrigation projects in Bihar, covering a command area of 5,939 thousand hectare. As per this study, total waterlogged area in Bihar was estimated at 628 thousand hectare, including 11.49 thousand hectare in Madhubani district and 20.25 thousand hectare in Darbhanga district.

(b) to (e) As informed by Government of Bihar, in order to find a permanent solution to the problem of waterlogging in Darbhanga and Madhubani districts, Government of Bihar proposes to conduct a comprehensive survey of waterlogged areas of these districts in the next financial year 2022-23. In this regard, expression of interest has already been invited for survey of 400 square km in Kusheshwar Asthan block in Darbhanga district. Similar action is proposed shortly for the remaining areas of the two districts.
