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FLOODING OF THE TEESTA RIVER

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any initiatives to address the recurring flood of the Teesta River in Jalpaiguri district and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken in implementation of the flood control projects including the funds allocated; and
- (b) whether the Government is collaborating with the State Government of West Bengal to install permanent water conservation structures in flood-prone areas of Jalpaiguri and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) 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. To strengthen the structural measures of flood management, Ministry had implemented during XI & XII Flood Management Plan (FMP) for providing Central Assistance to States for works related to river management, flood control, anti-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 2026. Central Assistance (CA) of Rs 11.31 Crore has been released to the State of West Bengal under FMP component benefitting Jalpaiguri district.

For Non-structural measures, Central Water Commission (CWC) is the nodal Organisation entrusted with the task of flood forecasting & early flood warnings in the country. The network has been established in consultation with the State Governments and UTs. Besides short-range forecasts with response time of 24 hours, CWC has also developed basin wise flood forecasting model based on rainfall-runoff mathematical modelling for 7 days' advance advisory at its forecasting stations in order to provide more lead time to the local authorities to plan evacuation of people & take other remedial measures. There are two flood forecasting stations in Jalpaiguri district viz. Domohani on river Teesta and NH-31 on river Jaldhaka.

(b) Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan : Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR) campaign in rural and urban areas of all districts (all blocks and municipalities) of the country including Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal. The campaign has five focused interventions which inter-alia includes rainwater harvesting & water conservation. Under this campaign, 7,841 water-related works (Water Conservation, Rain Water Harvesting, Renovation of Traditional Water Bodies, Reuse and Recharge Structures and Watershed Development) have been completed in the Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal during 22.03.2021 to 10.12.2024.
