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PROJECT FOR FLOOD MANAGEMENT IN BIHAR

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any comprehensive project for flood management in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the State Government of Bihar has sought a special assistance of Rs.1300 crore from the Union Government for flood management and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government of Bihar has also sent a proposal to the Union Government for constructing high dams in collaboration with the Nepal Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) 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 promotional, financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas. To strengthen the structural measures of flood management, Ministry had implemented during XI & XII Plan Flood Management Programme (FMP) for providing Central Assistance to States for works related to river management, flood control, anti-erosion, drainage development, anti-sea 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 March, 2026. Total Central assistance amounting to Rs 1624 Cr. has been released under FMP component to Bihar since XI plan to till date. Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar informed that recently State has submitted a total of 21 flood management projects on river Ganga, Kosi, Gandak and Bagmati of Bihar with an estimated cost of approximately ₹ 6198.68 crores for techno-economic appraisal.

As informed by State, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar has sought special assistance of Rs. 1122.64 Cr. for Flood Management Projects from Finance Department, Govt. of Bihar on 20.01.2025.

(c) & (d) In December, 1991, an understanding was reached between Government of India (Gol) and Government of Nepal (GoN) to jointly prepare the detailed project report (DPR) of Sapta Kosi high dam multipurpose project (now renamed as Sapta-Kosi Multipurpose Project). A Joint Project Office - Sapta-Kosi Sun-Kosi Investigation (JPO-SKSKI) was established at Birat Nagar in Nepal in August 2004 to carry out detailed investigation/field works and prepare a joint Detailed Project Report (DPR). The JPO-SKSKI has completed field works related to topographical survey, construction material survey, seismological studies, etc. The progress of works related to preparation of DPR is monitored through the established bilateral mechanism of the two countries.
