

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1523**

ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

**BRAHMAPUTRA BOARD**

1523. SHRI RAJU BISTA

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

- (a) whether the Darjeeling hills, Terai and Dooars and the Teesta-Rangeet Catchment Area falls under Brahmaputra Board and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Brahmaputra Board to examine and study the impacts of the Teesta flood of October, 2023; and
- (c) the details of any flood mitigation or management measures undertaken by the Brahmaputra Board for Teesta River Basin?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

- (a) Yes, the jurisdiction of Brahmaputra Board covers all the North Eastern States including Sikkim and a part of West Bengal (Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar, Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts).
- (b) A Committee has been constituted by DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti for conducting the study on the morphological changes in the river Teesta in Sikkim, in view of October 2023 floods, assessing the magnitude of damage and providing guidance for remedial measures, resources and expert recommendation.

Apart from above, the National GLOF (Glacial Lake Outburst Flood) Risk Mitigation Programme of NDMA is a strategic initiative aimed at reducing the risks associated with glacial lake outburst floods, particularly in regions that are highly susceptible to such natural disasters. Currently, a High Level Committee (HLC) of MHA has approved an amount of Rs. 150 Crore for mitigation of the risk of GLOF in four States, i.e. Himachal Pradesh (Rs 35 Cr), Uttarakhand (Rs 30 Cr), Sikkim (Rs 40 Cr) and Arunachal Pradesh (Rs 45 Cr) under National GLOF Risk Mitigation Programme.

(c) During FY 2024-25, Brahmaputra Board has taken up following two flood mitigation/ management measures for Teesta River Basin.

- i. Preparation of master plan for Teesta river sub-basin for sustainable development and utilization of Water Resources in the region including flood and erosion management, catchment area treatment using State of the Art Technology.
- ii. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for improvement of protection work along left bank of Teesta River from Bhotbari embankment to Oran BSF camp in Cooch Behar district of West Bengal.

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