

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2509**

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**CLEANING OF RAPTI RIVER**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that due to a lack of cleaning the Rapti River, passing through the aspirational districts of Shravasti and Balrampur in Uttar Pradesh, frequently causes floods every year, submerging hundreds of villages and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to undertake deep cleaning/desilting of the river, repair the embankments and raise their height, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

**(a) to (c)** As informed by Government of Uttar Pradesh, flood in river Rapti in Shrawasti and Balrampur district is primarily due to heavy rainfall in Nepal resulting in generation of heavy runoff in the catchment causing flash flood in various drains coming from Nepal along with the other various reasons of flooding.

The flood management & anti-erosion schemes are planned, investigated and implemented by the State Governments with own resources as per priority within the State. The Union Government only renders assistance to States which is technical, advisory, catalytic and promotional in nature.

As informed by State Government, flood protection embankments are constructed as per design criteria and repairs and maintenance of embankment is carried out as per requirement, before monsoon.

A National Framework for Sediment Management (NFSM) has been published by Ministry of Jal Shakti in October, 2022 as a comprehensive framework for managing the sediments in rivers in addition to catchment and reservoirs throughout India in a holistic manner. It facilitates the concerned stakeholders such as the State Govts, other Ministries, Departments, etc. in planning strategies and implementation of projects giving due consideration to environment and ecology.

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