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DESTRUCTION OF HOUSES AND EROSION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND DUE TO FLOODS

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to prevent the destruction of houses and erosion of agricultural land caused by floods in Saryu and Ghaghra rivers in Bahraich Parliamentary Constituency every year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the people who have lost their houses and agricultural land due to such floods and erosion; and
- (c) whether the Government has implemented/proposes to implement any scheme for the rehabilitation and employment of such affected people 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.

Govt. of Uttar Pradesh has informed that two flood protection embankments namely Belha-Behrauli (95.00 km long) and Rewali-Adampur (15.50 km long) have been constructed along the left bank of rivers Ghaghra and Saryu in Bahraich constituency, which protects 3.93 Lakh population and 1.76 hectares agricultural land.

Central Water Commission (CWC) issues flood forecasts as a non-structural measure of flood management, to concerned State Governments at identified locations. CWC also issues inflow forecasts to identified reservoirs for proper reservoir regulation. The network has been established in consultation with State Govt./Project authorities. Presently, flood forecasts are issued by CWC at 340 stations (140 Inflow Forecast Stations + 200 Level Forecast Stations) as per Standard Operating Procedure. There are total of 44 Flood Forecasting stations in Uttar Pradesh (39 level forecasting stations and 5 are inflow forecasting stations) in river Ganga and its tributaries. There are 3 level forecasting stations and one inflow forecasting station on river Ghaghra in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) & (c) Govt. of Uttar Pradesh has informed that in the year 2024-25, a total of 315 beneficiaries of residential houses (pucca/kutcha/hut/cattle shed) lost due to erosion of Saryu and Ghaghra river have been given housing grant assistance of Rs. 2,17,12,000.00 and a total of 1142 farmers having agricultural land have been given assistance of Rs. 98,08,541.00. Relief assistance of Rs. 2,02,75,000.00 to 173 people for kutcha/pukka/complete/residential houses, Rs. 14,28,000.00 to 139 people for residential huts and Rs. 9,000.00 to 03 persons for damage to cattle shed has been immediately transferred to the accounts of the affected persons from the Disaster Relief Fund.

Ministry of Home Affairs has issued (i) Guidelines for Appraisal and Release of Funds for Coastal and River Erosion under National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF), and (ii) Policy on Resettlement of people affected by erosion under National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). XVth Finance Commission in its recommendations, has made specific provision of funds for the resettlement of people affected by erosion under NDRF.
