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GANGA EROSION PROJECT IN WEST BENGAL

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

- (a) the status of Ganga erosion project in West Bengal;
- (b) the amount released and utilised for the purpose in West Bengal; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent Ganga erosion?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) Flood management and anti-erosion schemes are formulated and implemented by concerned State Governments as per their priority. Government of India promotes and provides technical assistance, as well as promotional financial assistance for critical areas. Union Government had implemented Flood Management Programme (FMP) during XI & XII Plans for providing central assistance to States for works related to 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 has further been extended during 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Central Assistance of Rs. 1051.96 Crore for taking up flood management works under FMP component of FMBAP has been released to Government of West Bengal, out of which State Government of West Bengal has informed that an amount of Rs. 1047.52 Crore has been utilized so far. Under River Management & Border Areas (RMBA) component of FMBAP scheme, Central Assistance of Rs. 237.925 Cr. has been released to Government of West Bengal so far. Out of this Rs. 230.145 cr. has been utilized.

As per the request of State Government of West Bengal, a Committee comprising members from the State Government of West Bengal and concerned Central Government Departments, under the chairmanship of Chairman, Central Water Commission, has been constituted by the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation to undertake a joint detailed technical study for an integrated plan to combat the threat of erosion posed by Ganga-Padma river in the District of Malda, Murshidabad & Nadia in West Bengal.
