

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 587**

ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025

**NOC FROM NEPAL TO CHANGE RIVER COURSE**

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

- (a) the total number of rivers in the country and the names of the rivers in which the untreated sewage water of municipal areas is drained in;
- (b) whether a bilateral dialogue has held on 4th January, 2025 in Birpur under Supaul district of Bihar among the representatives of Nepal and Water Resource Department of Bihar Government, Union Water Resource Department and local Member of Paliament to discuss the issue of inter-linking the rivers originating from Nepal viz. Jitadhar and Khando rivers to mainstream and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Koshi, Jitadhar and Khando rivers flow by changing their course from their mainstream consequently affecting Kuanuli, Kamalpur and Dagmara villages and other blocks of Supaul district by causing heavy damage to the life and property and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether No Objection Certificate (NOC) is required from Nepal to bring these rivers into their mainstream; and
- (e) if so, the concrete steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government to seek such NOC?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) As per the report of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) published in 2022, a total of 603 rivers in the country were monitored, and it was found that a total of 311 river stretches of 279 rivers were polluted. The details of the same are available at:

<https://cpcb.nic.in/openpdffile.php?id=UmVwb3J0RmlsZXMvMTQ5OF8xNjcyOTg4MDQ1X211ZGllhcGhvdG8xMjk5NS5wZGY=>.

(b) There is no such bilateral dialogue has held on this subject on 4th January, 2025.

(c) to (e) The Koshi, Jitadhar and Khando rivers flow by changing their course from their mainstream consequently affecting Kuanuli, Kamalpur and Dagmara villages and other blocks of Supaul district causing damage to the life and property. In this connection, Water Resources Department (WRD), Govt. of Bihar has submitted the Detaled Project Report (DPR) of the project namely "Channelization of Khando River in India Portion and Jeeta Dhar in No Man's Land (with estimated cost Rs. 54.7992 crore)" to Ganga Flood Control Commission, Patna with works falling in no man's land which requires prior permission through diplomatic channel from Govt of Nepal for their construction. In this connection, site visit by members from India and Nepal of Sub-group of Joint Committee on Inundation and Flood Management (JCIFM) is proposed during 20th March 2025 to 24th March 2025.

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