

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6295

ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026

CONSTRUCTION OF EMBANKMENTS ON KOSI RIVER

†6295. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the natural flow and carrying capacity of the Kosi River in Bihar have been affected due to the embankments constructed and strengthened in recent years which has an adverse impact on the downstream areas including Bhagalpur Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (b) if so, the details of the technical evaluation made thereof;
- (c) whether a severe flood situation arises in the riverine areas of Kosi as well as in Bhagalpur Lok Sabha Constituency in the event of excessive release of water from barrages/reservoirs located in Nepal; and
- (d) if so, the details of floods and the damage caused thereby in Bhagalpur region during the last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (d) 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.

Government of Bihar has informed that Kosi barrage and its embankments on both sides of the river were constructed to arrest the shifting/meandering nature of Kosi river.

Government of Bihar has also informed that after construction of Kosi barrage, the discharge flowing through river is regulated. The barrage is a diversion structure and excessive discharge passes downstream of the barrage. Government of Bihar has informed that it has not resulted in any severe flood situation in in the riverine areas of Kosi including Bhagalpur region during the last five years.

Data on the damage caused by floods to crops, area of land and life loss due to river in the country is not maintained centrally.
