

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 728**  
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2016

**SOIL EROSION IN RIVER BASINS**

†728. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether acute problem of soil erosion is being observed at the convergence point of Sitab Diyaras, Ghaghra and Saryu rivers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any on the spot inspection of this site was conducted in April, 2015 and the engineers of the Department of Water Resources in the Sasaram District were members of this inspection team;
- (d) if so, whether the Inspection Report has been submitted to the Union Government;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the follow-up action taken to protect this historical site from the crisis of soil erosion?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION  
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

**(a) & (b)** Yes, Madam. Due to shifting of river Ghaghra towards right bank in the downstream of Jayaprabha bridge, the problems of erosion and resulting flood damages at Sitabdiara have been reported by the State Government.

**(c), (d), (e) & (f)** On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2015, a Team of the officers of Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) under the Ministry and concerned officers of Governments of Uttar Pradesh & Bihar had inspected the Ghaghra river site near Sitabdiara village for assessment of the problem of flood and erosion.

Based on the inspection report of the above Team, the Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have formulated Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to address the problem of flood and erosion at Sitabdiara in their respective jurisdictions and submitted the same to GFCC in May and June, 2016 respectively for techno-economic appraisal.

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