

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *314

ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

MASTER PLAN TO TACKLE WATER LOGGING

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to prepare a Master Plan to remove the problem of water logging in Mokama taal area in Patna district of Bihar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that the work is being undertaken in the river Ganga by eight different agencies out of which one agency named Webcast had been entrusted with the task of preparing the Master Plan and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to accord priority to the work of providing safety against floods to Mokama taal area; and
- (d) if so, the time by which Mokama taal area would be free from flood hazards and the works are likely to commence?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *314 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023 REGARDING “MASTER PLAN TO TACKLE WATER LOGGING”.

(a) & (b) Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) under this Ministry has been mandated to prepare and periodically update comprehensive master plans for flood management in the Ganga basin. These comprehensive master plans are shared with the concerned States for preparing specific schemes for implementation as per recommendations given therein. GFCC has prepared comprehensive plans for 23 river systems in Ganga Basin including Kiul-Harohar sub-basin. The recommendation regarding addressing the problem of water logging in Mokama Taal area have been included in the comprehensive master plan for Kiul-Harohar sub-basin.

State Government of Bihar has informed that no agency has been engaged by them for preparation of master plan of Ganga Basin.

(c) & d) Two major projects have been taken up by the Government of Bihar to address problem of water management in Taal area. The project "Flood Control and Drainage Improvement in Mokama Taal Area" with an estimated cost of Rs. 188.50 crore envisages construction of anti-flood sluice-cum-regulators, desilting of pynes and renovation of embankments to regulate the entry of backwaters of the Ganga and other rivers in the Taal area. Another project, namely, “Taal Development Scheme” with an estimated cost of Rs. 1,178.50 crore comprises works related to desilting of pynes, crossing/culvert, barrages, check dams/weirs, construction of an embankment on the left bank of Harohar river and southern boundary of Taal area. Government of Bihar has informed that the works are aimed at controlling entry of water and improving drainage in Taal area.
