

Assistance for construction of dams in Maharashtra

144. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has sent any proposal for financial assistance to construct small dams for storing water in various districts of the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) No such specific proposal of State Government of Maharashtra on above account is under appraisal in the Ministry of Water Resources.

Protection of Majuli Island from erosion

145. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about large scale erosion caused by river Brahmaputra in Majuli Island in Assam despite the inception of Master Plan for Protection of Majuli Island being implemented by Brahmaputra Board;

(b) if so, the details of adequate and particular measures being taken, as on date, to protect the Island from its largely shrinking status;

(c) the details of the outlay, amount sanctioned, amount utilized, progress and sectoral impact achieved for physical protection of Island, achievements since inception of Master Plan till date; and

(d) whether Government proposes to entrust any national or international agency to study and execute effective and latest technology to protect Majuli Island from the continuing massive erosion?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Brahmaputra Board has so far implemented following Schemes for Protection of the Majuli Island from flood and erosion.