

Meghalaya as flood-prone State

1848. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ganga Flood Control Commission, in its report submitted to Government in 2006, had identified Meghalaya as one of the flood-prone States qualifying for its share of Central funds under the Flood Management Programme;

(b) whether the Expert Committee, set up jointly by the Planning Commission and Central Water Commission excluded that State while carrying out the scientific assessment of flood-prone areas in the country and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether large extent of habitations in Garo Hills region of the State is inundated during rainy season along the banks of rivers Ringgi and Jinjiram tributaries of Brahmaputra?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) No Sir. The Committee headed by Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission had in 2006 identified 39 flood-prone districts in 5 States only namely Assam, Bihar, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b) No, Sir. The Ministry of Water Resources had constituted an Expert Committee in July, 2012 for scientific assessment of flood-prone areas in the entire country including the State of Meghalaya.

(c) As per data base maintained by Central Water Commission (CWC) and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on the basis of information received from various States including the State of Meghalaya, no inundation or area affected due to floods has been reported by the State Government of Meghalaya since 2006 onwards.