

**Global effect of Floods**

1460. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the warning issued by the UN Researchers that the number of people vulnerable to floods is expected to be around 2 billion worldwide by 2050 due to global warming, deforestation, rising sea levels and population growth in flood-prone areas;

(b) if so, whether the extent of its impact in India has been assessed; and

(c) if so, what preventive and precautionary measures are being taken so that the vulnerability of our people is reduced to the minimum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAIPRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) A study carried out at United Nations University and reported in June 2004 has indicated that the number of people worldwide vulnerable to a devastating flood is expected to increase to 2 billion by 2050 due to climate change, deforestation, rising sea levels and population growth in flood-prone lands. The Government is aware of the flood problem in the country and various structural & non-structural measures are being taken by the Government of India and the State Governments. Recently, a 21 member Task Force has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of Chairman, Central Water Commission to look into the problem of recurring floods in Assam and other States which are very frequently affected by floods.

**Sharing of river water**

1461. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are disputes on sharing of river water between various States;

(b) if so, the details of such States and rivers as on today, category-wise;

(c) the details of States and rivers having disputes in the watershed areas of rivers as on today;

(d) the action taken to resolve the above disputes;