

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED
QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 1ST JANUARY, 2018***

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTION

Floods in Bihar

*136. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several rural roads/bridges have been damaged and washed away, due to recent floods in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof including Sugauli-Piparpati road in Champaran district;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from Bihar Government for funds to repair/rebuild such flood damaged rural roads;

(d) the details of funds made available to the State for the last two years, district-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to repair/rebuild the roads/bridges damaged in the recent floods in the State?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) Yes, rural roads/bridges including Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY) roads have sustained damages during the recent floods in Bihar as reported by the State Government of Bihar.

(b) The damage to the rural roads and bridges as reported by the State is summarized below:

No. of Rural Roads Affected	Total Length (in km.)	Damaged Length (in km.)	No. of Damaged Culverts	No. of Damaged Bridges	No. of Damaged Approach road to bridges
3119	13836.94	4236.61	484	51	45

* The sitting of the Rajya Sabha scheduled for Monday, the 1st January, 2018 was cancelled and answer to questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the table of the House on Tuesday, 2nd January, 2018.

The district wise-details of the damage to rural roads/bridges during the recent flood is given in the Statement-I (*See below*).

The Sugauli-Piparpanti road is not a PMGSY road but a Major District Road under Road Construction Department (RCD), Bihar. As reported by Road Construction Department (RCD), this road has a total length of 7 km. of which 200 mts. has been damaged during the recent floods.

(c) No Sir, the Ministry of Rural Development has not yet received any proposal from the Government of Bihar for funds to repair/rebuild such flood damaged roads. The Programme guidelines of PMGSY also do not have any provision for repair or replacement or reconstruction of rural roads earlier constructed under PMGSY and damaged/washed away as a result of natural disaster.

As reported by the Ministry of Home Affairs, in order to provide relief assistance to disaster affected victims, the Central Government has constituted State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) in each State for meeting the expenditure for immediate response and relief works for notified disasters including floods. The fund available at SDRF is at the disposal of the State Government and the concerned State Government is required to provide relief assistance to disaster victims from SDRF at notified rates. In case of severe disaster, additional financial assistance is provided by the Central Government from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), provided that the State Government does not have adequate balance in the SDRF. The assistance from SDRF and NDRF is only for immediate relief and restoration and does not include medium and long term reconstruction. For getting the assistance from NDRF, the State Government is required to submit a proposal to MHA.

The Government of Bihar has submitted a proposal for financial assistance of ₹ 7444.60 crore from the National Disaster Response Fund including ₹ 1827.58 cr for the repair of rural roads.

(d) Year-wise details of funds released by the Ministry of Rural Development during last two years under the PMGSY scheme to the Government of Bihar is given below:

Year	Allocation (₹ in crore)	Funds released (₹ in crore)
2015-16	2781	2781
2016-17	3000	2958.33

The district-wise details of fund released by the State Government are given in the Statement-II (*See below*).

The State Government has reported that ₹ 200 crore of funds was made available by Disaster Management Department, Government of Bihar to Rural Works Department for flood damage repair in Financial Year 2016-17. Out of this 196.92 crore was made available to PIUs (Works Division, Rural Works Department) as per their requirement. The details are given in the Statement-III (*See below*).

(e) As per the guidelines of SDRF/NDRF, the Inter Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) visited the affected areas of the State for on the spot assessment of the damages from 4th to 7th October, 2017. The Sub-committee of the National Executive Committee (SC-NEC) in its meeting held on 19 December, 2017 considered the report of the IMCT. The recommendations of SC-NEC are placed before the High Level Committee, chaired by the Home Minister for approval of assistance from NDRF.

The State Government has reported that almost all the roads of Rural Works Department, Bihar which were damaged during the recent floods have been restored and made motorable.

Statement-I

A. District wise details of roads damaged by floods

Sl. No.	District	No. of Affected Road	Total Length (in km.)	Damaged Length (in kms.)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Araria	222	1038.24	247.73
2.	Chhapra	3	12.32	1.75
3.	Darbhanga	375	1016.60	273.02
4.	East Champaran	370	1127.26	518.88
5.	Gopalganj	44	144.42	12.06
6.	Katihar	359	4313.35	1022.35
7.	Khagaria	27	87.21	48.98
8.	Kishanganj	285	1238.23	426.86
9.	Madhepura	52	221.90	56.91

1	2	3	4	5
10.	Madhubani	226	675.86	85.26
11.	Muzzafarpur	152	401.28	151.49
12.	Purnia	272	933.68	679.95
13.	Saharsa	64	200.10	24.28
14.	Samastipur	59	190.38	109.17
15.	Sheohar	48	106.14	10.48
16.	Sitamarhi	295	983.39	149.44
17.	Supaul	64	224.08	109.73
18.	Siwan	7	16.87	10.10
19.	West Champaran	195	905.66	298.16
TOTAL		3119	13836.94	4236.61

(B) Division-wise details of bridges damaged by floods

Sl. No.	Work Division	No. of Damaged Culvert	No. of Damaged Bridges	No. of Approach Damaged road
		A	B	C
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Katihar	14	1	10
2.	Purnea	42	5	3
3.	Araria	189	2	0
4.	Kishanganj	88	2	1
5.	Muzaffarpur	8	0	0
6.	Saharsa	12	0	0
7.	Madhubani	4	3	1
8.	Gopalganj	7	0	0
9.	Sitamarhi	18	8	24
10.	Sheohar	1	9	0
11.	East Champaran	53	6	1

1	2	3	4	5
12.	West Champaran	12	2	1
13.	Madhepura	4	0	0
14.	Supaul	26	8	0
15.	Samastipur	2	5	2
16.	Darbhangha	4	0	2
GRAND TOTAL		484	51	45

Statement-II*District-wise details of fund released under PMGSY during the last two years*

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of District	2015-16	2016-17
1.	Araria	76.92	147.64
2.	Aurangabad	196.23	132.02
3.	Banka	41.36	98.26
4.	Begusarai	18.82	51.46
5.	Bhabhua	47.64	40.14
6.	Bhagalpur	43.13	127.57
7.	Bhojpur	67.48	26.64
8.	Buxar	25.68	37.23
9.	Saran	16.84	62.6
10.	Darbhangha	47.8	148.42
11.	East Champaran	57.87	87.51
12.	Gaya	66.33	218.96
13.	Gopalganj	29.2	65.48
14.	Jahanabad	24.54	10.73
15.	Arwal	17.54	13.99
16.	Jamui	61.99	146.53
17.	Katihar	64.13	83.2
18.	Khagaria	12.23	28.79
19.	Kishanganj	53.44	144.91

Sl. No.	Name of District	2015-16	2016-17
20.	Lakhisarai	6.53	20.99
21.	Sheikhpura	7.56	39.48
22.	Madhepura	16.18	81.42
23.	Madhubani	55.11	211.78
24.	Munger	6.65	32.47
25.	Muzaffarpur	28.78	144.92
26.	Nalanda	62.63	83.62
27.	Nawada	64.42	131.15
28.	Patna	20.99	57.71
29.	Purnea	76.33	120.38
30.	Rohtas	111.04	95.65
31.	Saharsa	15.49	56.31
32.	Samastipur	62.62	152.87
33.	Sheohar	1.27	5.37
34.	Sitamarhi	98.32	181.82
35.	Siwan	37.14	130.78
36.	Supaul	19.94	79.97
37.	Vaishali	2.78	48.29
38.	West Champaran	67.64	180.16
GRAND TOTAL		1730.59	3527.22

Statement-III*District-wise fund released under Flood Damage Repair in 2016-17*

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Scheme	Sanction Amount (In Lakh)	Total Amount Released (In lakh)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Araria	425	3603.666	2993.582
2.	Begusarai	1	1.435	77.265
3.	Bhagalpur	3	33.1	62.411

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Bhojpur	1	10.28	737.534
5.	Buxar	5	339.743	415.178
6.	Chapra	34	184.252	165.604
7.	Darbhanga	175	824.533	555.561
8.	East Champaran	227	715.438	347.756
9.	Gaya	10	225.416	189.347
10.	Gopalganj	25	350.084	10.463
11.	Jamui	3	8.365	8.365
12.	Jehanabad	8	26.287	0
13.	Kaimur	10	128.113	16.564
14.	Karihar	189	3397.404	2774.955
15.	Khagaria	31	295.943	10.94
16.	Kishanganj	192	1913.732	1490.598
17.	Lakhisarai	1	16.07	91.247
18.	Madhepura	34	241.906	241.906
19.	Madhubani	203	952.246	952.246
20.	Munger	2	7.873	7.873
21.	Muzaffarpur	89	621.247	609.066
22.	Nalanda	10	64.039	64.03
23.	Nawada	1	6.263	6.263
24.	Patna	9	101.242	332.35
25.	Purnea	210	3013.477	3124.034
26.	Rohtas	9	117.41	117.41
27.	Saharsa	24	216.799	337.1
28.	Samastipur	0	0	195.318
29.	Sheohar	47	192.287	192.287
30.	Sitamarhi	222	2649.286	1896.679

1	2	3	4	5
31.	Siwnan	5	4.763	4.763
32.	Supaul	64	783.063	421.006
33.	Vaishali	2	14.02	14.02
34.	West Champaran	160	1228.537	1228.537
GRAND TOTAL		2431	22288.319	19692.258

Cleaning of Ganga river from Haridwar to Unnao

†*137. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that river Ganga has been cleansed from Haridwar to Unnao in the first phase of cleaning and if so, the expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) the system put in place to make the steps already taken in the first phase of cleaning of Ganga permanent;

(c) whether, during the second phase, the river is proposed to be cleansed from Unnao (UP) to the border of Bihar;

(d) whether, as per the opinion of National Green Tribunal (NGT), Chairperson, water quality remains the same, even after spending rupees seven thousand crores; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (c) National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) targets to clean the entire stretch of main stem of river Ganga on top priority.

Government has launched a number of schemes for cleaning Ganga river, the latest being an umbrella program named Namami Gange on 13 May, 2015. Under Namami Gange Programme, Ganga Rejuvenation is being taken up in a holistic manner integrating various initiatives such as river front development, ghat and crematoria, ghat and river cleaning, rural sanitation, bio remediation, afforestation, bio-diversity conservation, public participation and outreach to make Ganga conservation efforts permanent and sustainable.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.