

The details of funds allocated by the Government under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during last three years and current year are as under:

Financial Year	Amount allocated (₹ in crore)
2016-17	6000
2017-18	7050
2018-19	5500
2019-20	10000.66

(c) and (d) Ministry has existing data repository system in the form of Integrated Management Information System (IMIS). Every year, this Ministry undertakes third party functionality / sustainability survey to ascertain functionality and sustainability of completed piped water supply schemes. Also, there is periodic review of the progress of schemes are done through Video Conferences, Review Meetings, National Level Workshops etc. to take the stock of progress of the schemes being implemented under NRDWP. Further, State Governments are regularly directed to take corrective measures in case of slow pace of progress.

#### **Flood problem in Assam**

1019. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of recurrence of flood problem in Assam which leads to loss of life, property and creates ecological imbalance and the growing demands from the people of Assam to declare the problem as a national problem;

(b) if so, whether Government will take any policy decision to tackle this recurring problem as a national problem, keeping in view the seriousness of the issue and the fact that State Government is unable to manage this problem on its own; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for permanent solution of this recurrent flood problem in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) The recurrence flood problem in Assam leads to loss of life, property and creates ecological imbalance. Floods are the natural calamity and it is attributed to various factors like wide variation in rainfall both in time and space with frequent departure from normal pattern, inadequate carrying capacities of rivers, river bank erosion,

silting of river beds, landslides, poor natural drainage, snow melts and glacial lake outbursts. Under the existing Scheme of State Disaster Response Fund/National Response Fund of Ministry of Home Affairs, there is no such provision to declare any disaster including flood as a „National Problem/Calamity%. However, in the event of disaster of a „severe nature”, financial assistance towards the notified natural disasters including flood is met from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) which is further supplemented from the cess-based fund of National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) in accordance with the established procedure, which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team

(c) Flood Management being within the purview of State Governments, the schemes for flood control are formulated and implemented by concerned States as per their priority. The Union Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical advice and promotional financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas. The Government of India had launched Flood Management Programme (FMP) for providing central assistance to States for works related to river management, flood control, anti-erosion, drainage development, anti-sea erosion, flood proofing works, restoration of damage flood management works, etc. So far Central Assistance amounting to ₹ 1201.36 crores has been released under various schemes of FMP to the State Government of Assam. The Water Resources Department (WRD), Government of Assam, have taken up various projects for effective flood and erosion management in the State. This includes 48 nos. of schemes under NABARD loan for a cost of ₹ 199.18 crore, 23 schemes for ₹37.24 crore and 6 schemes for ₹20.00 crore (in Majuli Island) under State Plan for the year 2017-18. The State Government of Assam, WRD has taken up initiative for corrective dredging and construction of an Express Highway on both the banks of river Brahmaputra along the whole length for minimizing the flood and erosion in the region for which initial survey work has already been completed. The State has embarked upon the Assam Integrated River Basin Management Project at a cost of ₹ 1500.00 crore with funding from the World Bank. A project for fortification of the Brahmaputra Embankment system for a cost of ₹4454.00 crore has been prepared.

#### **Major lift irrigation project in Telangana**

1020. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that J. Chokka Rao Devadula Major Lift Irrigation Project which benefits Warangal, Karimnagar and Nalgonda districts in Telangana was started in 2003, but has not yet been completed;