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RAJYA SABHA
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GANGA EROSION

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Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any schemes to prevent Ganga erosion;
- (b) if so, the name of the schemes, and the officials responsible for addressing the Ganga erosion issue; and
- (c) the number of plans, Government has prepared to prevent Ganga erosion in the districts of Murshidabad and Malda in West Bengal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) Flood management and anti-erosion schemes are formulated and implemented by concerned State Governments as per their priority. Government of India promotes and provides technical assistance, as well as promotional financial assistance for critical areas. Union Government had implemented Flood Management Programme (FMP) during XI & XII Plans for providing central assistance to States for works related to flood control, anti-erosion, drainage development, anti-sea erosion, etc. which subsequently continued as a component of “Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP)” for the period from 2017-18 to 2020-21 and has further been extended with total outlay of Rs. 4,100 crore during 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC), Patna is entrusted with the role of preparation of Master Plans for Flood Management including river erosion control measures, Techno-economic appraisal of schemes proposed by States and monitoring the schemes implemented with central assistance in Ganga Basin.

Farakka Barrage Project, a Subordinate Office under the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, undertakes anti-erosion / river bank protection works in critical reaches in its jurisdiction (12.5 km in the upstream and 6.9 km in the downstream of Farakka Barrage) for the safety and security of Farakka Barrage and its appurtenant structures, which also provides a reasonable degree of safety to the lives and property along Ganga river.

As per the request of State Government of West Bengal, a Committee comprising members from the State Government of West Bengal and concerned Central Government Departments, under the chairmanship of Chairman, Central Water Commission, has been constituted by the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation to undertake a joint detailed technical study for an integrated plan to combat the threat of erosion posed by Ganga-Padma river in the Districts of Malda, Murshidabad & Nadia in West Bengal.
