



Workers Trapped in Floodwaters in Bihar | Bihar | 08 Jul 2024

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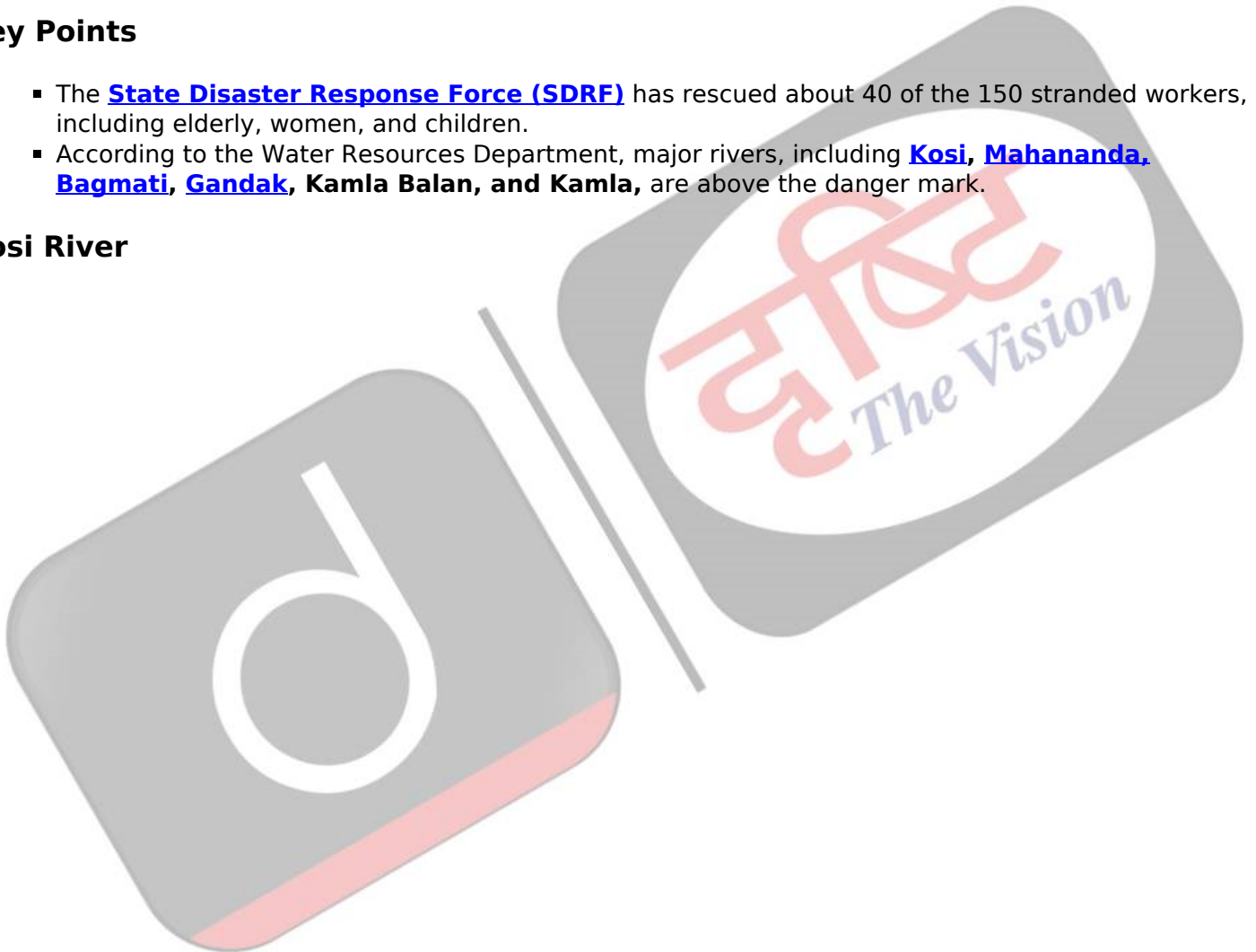
According to the sources, around **150 workers are trapped in floodwaters** in Bagaha, Bihar due to **heavy rainfall**.

Key Points

- The **State Disaster Response Force (SDRF)** has rescued about 40 of the 150 stranded workers, including elderly, women, and children.
- According to the Water Resources Department, major rivers, including **Kosi, Mahananda, Bagmati, Gandak, Kamla Balan, and Kamla**, are above the danger mark.

Kosi River

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- The **Kosi** is a **trans-boundary river** which flows through **Tibet, Nepal and India**.
- It has its **source in Tibet** that includes the **world's highest upland**, it then **drains a large part of Nepal before emerging onto the Gangetic plains**.
- Its **three major tributaries, the Sun Kosi, Arun and Tamur** meet at one point just upstream of a 10 km gorge cut through the **Himalayan foothills**.
- The river crosses into **northern Bihar**, where it branches into distributaries before joining the **Ganges near Kursela in Katihar district**.
- The Kosi carries **the maximum amount of silt and sand after the Brahmaputra in India**.
- It is also known as the **"Sorrow of Bihar"** as the annual floods affect about 21,000 sq. km. of fertile agricultural lands thereby disturbing the rural economy.

Mahananda River

- Mahananda river is a **tributary of the Ganga**.
- It **originates from the Himalayas in Darjeeling, West Bengal**.
- The river **flows through Bihar, West Bengal**, and then continues southeastward to join the Ganga at Godagari in Bangladesh.

