

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA
REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3616

ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023

DAMS IN ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE

3616. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of functional dams in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of dams built/under-construction in the ecologically sensitive zone;
- (c) the proposals dropped due to lack of environmental sustainability;
- (d) whether Government is aware that the proposal of building over 1,400 check dams in the western ghats is not environmentally viable; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) Government of India provides technical support and partial financial assistance under its ongoing schemes, for the identified irrigation projects. Further, techno-economic viability of the major or medium irrigation projects on inter-State river systems is to be appraised by Central Water Commission (CWC) under this Ministry. However, water being a State subject, it is for the State Government concerned to plan, implement, maintain, and also maintain data regarding dams, in the respective State. Similarly, details of dams built/ under construction in the ecologically sensitive zone, as well as details of the proposals dropped due to lack of environmental sustainability, are also being maintained by the respective State Governments themselves.

However, on the basis of information provided by the dam owning agencies, Central Water Commission under this Ministry maintains a National Register of Large Dams (NRLD). As per NRLD, 2019, there are 5,334 completed and functional large dams in the country, State-wise list of which is placed at **Annexure**.

(d) & (e) No, Sir. However, environmental viability of projects is required to be examined in accordance with the laid down procedures, before the requisite statutory and mandatory clearances are issued to any project. Implementation of a project can be taken up only once the prescribed clearances are in place.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3616 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 03.04.2023 REGARDING “DAMS IN ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE”

State-Wise List of Completed and Functional Large Dams

S. No.	State/ UT	No. of constructed large dam
1	Adman and Nicobar	2
2	Andhra Pradesh	149
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1
4	Assam	3
5	Bihar	24
6	Chandigarh	0
7	Chhattisgarh	249
8	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	0
9	Daman and Diu	0
10	Goa	5
11	Gujarat	620
12	Haryana	1
13	Himachal Pradesh	19
14	Jammu and Kashmir	15
15	Jharkhand	55
16	Karnataka	230
17	Kerala	61
18	Lakshadweep	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	899
20	Maharashtra	2,117
21	Manipur	3
22	Meghalaya	8

23	Mizoram	1
24	Nagaland	1
25	Delhi	0
26	Odisha	200
27	Puducherry	0
28	Punjab	14
29	Rajasthan	204
30	Sikkim	2
31	Tamil Nadu	118
32	Tripura	1
33	Uttar Pradesh	117
34	Uttarakhand	17
35	West Bengal	30
36	Telangana	168
Total		5,334
