

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2317

ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

CONSERVATION OF THE GODAVARI RIVER

2317. DR. AJEET MADHAVRAO GOPCHADE

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

- (a) whether Government has received any requests to conduct an inspection of the Vishnupuri Dam in Maharashtra, if so, an update on the actions taken in this regard, whether an inspection has taken place, the plans being developed to improve the dam's water storage capacity in partnership with the Maharashtra Government;
- (b) the actions that have been taken in collaboration with the Government of Maharashtra for the conservation of the Godavari river as of now; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to allocate additional funds for the conservation of the Godavari river, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) In pursuance of a request received from Hon'ble Member of Parliament Dr. Ajeet Gopchade to conduct the survey to identify the silt deposition in Vishnupuri Barrage via his letter dated 25.07.2024, a team of officers from the Central Water Commission (CWC) visited the Vishnupuri dam, Maharashtra on 12.11.2024 to assess the siltation problem and to propose a solution methodology.

After inspection of the dam and discussions with State Government officers related to the project, it is found out that there is no siltation of serious nature and the committee suggested and explained them to take some precautionary corrective steps in this regard.

(b) & (c) Government of India has been supplementing efforts of the States/Union Territories by providing financial and technical assistance for abatement of pollution in the identified polluted river stretches and conservation of rivers in the country through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan.

In Maharashtra, projects for conservation of river Godavari at Nanded, Nashik and Trimbakeshwar were sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 87.13 crore and thus sewage treatment capacity of 127 million litres per day has been created in 4 sewage treatment plants.
