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MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.873

ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025

**IMPLEMENTATION OF SILT-FREE DAMS, FERTILE FIELDS INITIATIVE IN
MAHARASHTRA**

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

- (a) the total volume of silt removed under the Silt-Free Dams, Fertile Fields initiative in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of reservoirs or water bodies that have been desilted under this initiative; and
- (c) the number of farmers who have benefitted as a result of this initiative?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) Under the “Silt-Free Dams, Fertile Fields” initiative launched by the Government of Maharashtra, a transformative effort has been made to rejuvenate reservoir/water bodies and enrich agricultural lands. As reported by the Government of Maharashtra, over the past three years, approximately 6.65 crore cubic meters of silt have been removed from 3,040 reservoirs and other water bodies across the state. This nutrient-rich silt has been distributed across 1,58,686 acres of farmland, benefiting approximately 59,551 farmers.
