

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1684

ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025

DVC DAM WATER DISCHARGE IN 2025

1684. SMT. SAGARIKA GHOSE:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)'s water discharge in 2025 has increased 11 fold compared to 2024, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that DVC's water discharge in 2025 was 30 times higher than 2023, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that important decisions regarding release of water are unilaterally taken by the Central Government without consulting the State Government itself, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that DVC released water during festive time in the State of West Bengal, if so, the details and reason thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

- (a) No. During the monsoon season of 2025 (1st June to 31st October), the combined water release from Maithon and Panchet Dams was 1.6 times greater than the total release recorded during the monsoon period of 2024.
- (b) No. During the monsoon season of 2025 (1st June to 31st October), the combined release from Maithon and Panchet Dams was 4.07 times higher than the total release recorded during the monsoon of 2023. The detailed inflow and outflow data for Maithon and Panchet Reservoirs during the monsoon seasons of 2023, 2024, and 2025 are provided in **Annexure**.
- (c) Maithon and Panchet reservoirs are managed under the supervision of the Damodar Valley Reservoir Regulation Committee (DVRRC), which includes representatives from all concerned states. Decisions on flood operations and release advisories are taken collectively, in consultation with stakeholders including the Government of West Bengal, and strictly follow the established norms, Guide Curves, and the DVRRC Manual. For effective regulation, DVRRC maintains three-hourly discharge records from both reservoirs throughout the monsoon season, spanning 1st June to 31st October. During the monsoon season of 2025, the committee issued a total of 110 release messages. The Release Advice from the reservoirs is always being issued by DVRRC, taking into consideration the prevailing water levels in the reservoirs, the storage capacity of the dams, inflow forecasts, Quantitative Precipitation Forecast (QPF) advisories issued by the IMD, downstream conditions, and the prescribed norms based on suitable Guide Curves.
- (d) As per the information provided by the DVRRC, the combined discharge from the Maithon and Panchet Reservoirs during the period from 2nd to 4th October, 2025 was approximately 70,000 cusecs. This release was carried out after duly informing the Irrigation & Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal, along with other stakeholders. The decision was necessitated by the increased inflows into both reservoirs resulting from heavy rainfall in the upper catchments, coupled with rainfall forecasts issued by the IMD for the subsequent days.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1684 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 15.12.2025 REGARDING “DVC DAM WATER DISCHARGE IN 2025”.

Inflow and Outflow from Maithon and Panchet Dams during the monsoon season

(1st June to 31st October)

Year	Maithon		Panchet		Cumulative Combined Inflow	Cumulative Combined Outflow
	Cumulative Inflow (Acre feet)	Cumulative Outflow (Acre feet)	Cumulative Inflow (Acre feet)	Cumulative Outflow (Acre feet)	(Acre feet)	(Acre feet)
2023	9,83,540	7,53,485	15,70,585	14,67,505	25,54,125	22,20,990
2024	20,61,549	19,05,768	38,02,359	37,34,209	58,63,908	56,39,977
2025	29,74,279	28,44,302	62,63,073	62,14,085	92,37,352	90,58,387
