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MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.895

ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

MISREPRESENTATION OF DVC WATER-RELEASE DATA BY WEST BENGAL

895. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

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

- (a) whether Government and Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) has officially confirmed that during 2nd–4th October, 2025, the combined water released from Maithon Dam (42,500 cusecs) and Panchet Dam (27,500 cusecs) was approximately 70,000 cusecs, contrary to the Chief Minister of West Bengal's public claim that DVC released more than 1,50,000 cusecs of water during the same period;
- (b) whether the DVC's water releases complied with flood-regulation guide curves and were communicated in advance to the State Irrigation Department; and
- (c) the measures being implemented to publish real-time reservoir inflow and outflow data to prevent misinformation by the State Government?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) As per the information provided by the Damodar Valley Reservoir Regulation Committee (DVRRC), the combined discharge from the Maithon and Panchet dams during the period 2nd–4th October, 2025 was approximately 70,000 cusecs.

(b) & (c) Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) water system is operated by the DVRRC, wherein all concerned states are members. All decisions regarding flood operation/release advice are taken in consultation with the representatives of all Stakeholders including the Government of West Bengal as per the set norms/Guide Curves/DVRRC manual.

The inflow and outflow data, as received from the dam authorities, are entered into the WIMS portal by the Divisional Office of the Central Water Commission (CWC). These values, along with forecasts, are subsequently published on the CWC's official website.

As a non-structural measure of flood management, CWC issues short-range flood forecasts with a lead time up to 24 hrs. to concerned State Governments at identified locations. CWC also issues inflow forecasts to identified reservoirs for proper reservoir regulation. The flood forecasts formulated by CWC are disseminated to all stakeholders through Flood Forecasting Website/ FloodWatch India 2.0 App, social media channels (Facebook, X, YouTube), email, WhatsApp, and CAP alerts via NDMA's Sachet portal.
