

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †6339
ANSWERED ON 05.04.2018

IMPACT OF CHEMICALS ON DAM WATER

†6339. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that sacks of hazardous chemicals have been found at many dams and sea shores recently and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has examined these sacks and if so, the details thereof along with the contents found in these sacks;
- (c) whether certain sacks of chemicals have been found in the bottom of Chikhloli dam situated in Ambernath area of Thane and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the chemical contained therein has been found to be toxic; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with its impact on water?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (e) Water Resource being a State subject, the upkeep and operation of dam is prime responsibility of dam owners who are generally State Governments or Central Agencies like BBMB, NHPC etc. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR) provides technical and financial assistance to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes such as Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies scheme and Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Programme (DRIP).

Central Water Commission (CWC) under this Ministry monitors the water quality of river water at 429 key locations covering major river basins in the country. There is a water quality monitoring site of CWC on Ulhas River at 2 km upstream of confluence of the local Nala on which Chikhloli Dam is located. The impact of chemicals on Chikhloli Dam water cannot be ascertained by the data of CWC site on Ulhas River.