

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2046
ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DAMS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received application for construction of new dams in the country including Kerala and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has given permission to conduct environment assessment study to construct a new dam in Mullaperiyar and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether a joint team of Centre, Kerala and Tamil Nadu recently visited Mullaperiyar dam to assess the strength of the existing dam and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) Major & Medium irrigation projects and Multi-purpose projects located on inter-state rivers, or such projects where State Government desires to avail of assistance from Govt. of India, are submitted by State Govt to the Central Water Commission (CWC) for techno-economic appraisal and acceptance by Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control & Multipurpose Projects of Ministry of Jal Shakti. As intimated by CWC, 30 such proposals (including Attappady Valley Irrigation Project (AVIP) of Kerala State) were received during last 3 years beginning from April 2016. Out of these, eight proposals were accepted by Advisory Committee after appraisal by CWC. Four incomplete proposals including AVIP of Kerala have been returned to respective States. Acceptance of remaining proposals by Advisory Committee depends upon satisfactory compliances by the State Govts on the observations of CWC in this regard.

(b) As intimated by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC), it has accorded Terms of References for preconstruction activities for construction of a new dam to replace the existing Mullaperiyar Dam vide letter dated 14.11.2018.

(c) A three-member Supervisory Committee headed by Chief Engineer, Dam Safety Organization, Central Water Commission along with other two Members of the Committee from the States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala visited Mullaperiyar dam site on 04.06.2019 and held discussions on various dam related matters such as, instrumentation, installation of Inflow Forecast system in the catchment, finalisation of rule curve etc.
