

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA
REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1553
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022

REVIVAL OF SARASWATI RIVER

1553. **SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:**

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

- (a) whether any MoU has been signed on 21st January 2022 between the States of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana to revive the extinct Saraswati river and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether dam will be constructed in Himachal Pradesh and the Government of Haryana will make arrangement in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Central Water Commission (CWC) is assisting these States in preparing the design of the dam and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether river Saraswati which is symbol of cultural civilization of India for centuries will be revived after construction of the said dam and barrage; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed on 21.01.2022 between the Governments of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh for construction of Adi Badri Dam on River Somb in Himachal Pradesh, along with its linkages with Saraswati River. As per the MoU, a Committee comprising of senior officials from the two States has been constituted for planning, supervising and monitoring of the dam. Further, Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited has been identified as executing agency for construction of the dam and its related infrastructure/ appurtenant works. The MoU also stipulates that the funds for the project are to be arranged by Government of Haryana.

(c) On request of the Government of Haryana, Central Water Commission (CWC) has taken up consultancy work for design and drawings along with hydrological studies including water availability, design flood and sedimentation studies of the project.

(d) & (e) The water stored by construction of Adi Badri Dam is planned primarily for revival of River Saraswati and development of Saraswati heritage. Further, the project envisages providing 61.88 hectare-metre water per annum for drinking and irrigation in the State of Himachal Pradesh.
