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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 825 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022

DAMS NEAR NATIONAL PARKS

825 SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA

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

(a) the details of dams built near national parks and wild life sanctuaries in the country;

(b) the details of forest area submerged by building these dams;

(c) the grounds on which environmental clearance has been obtained by the Ministry for undertaking these projects; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to undertake Mekedatu Dam project on priority basis and if so, the time by which environmental clearance is likely to be obtained for the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) As per information available, there are total 10 projects near national parks and wildlife sanctuaries in the country, to which environmental clearance (EC) has been granted in last three years by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC). The details in this regard, including details of forest land involved, are placed at Annexure.

The projects/activities are considered for grant of prior environmental clearance as per provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, as amended from time to time. The Notification provides, inter alia, for preparation and submission of environment impact assessment (EIA) report, environmental management plan (EMP), disaster management plan (DMP) and public consultation by the project proponent for consideration of the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC). The EAC, after detailed examination and deliberation on various environmental and social aspects of the project, viz. environmental sensitivity, location, impact on local environment and population etc., takes a view regarding grant of environmental clearance, suggesting suitable preventive measures.

(d) Implementation of the project is to be undertaken by Government of Karnataka as per its priorities and funds availability, etc. However, prior to its implementation, the project is required to obtain no-objection from Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA), and techno-economic acceptance by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose projects (Advisory Committee) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The project is also required to obtain prior approval of EAC under MoEF&CC. The above approvals have not been obtained.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) UNSTARRED QN. NO. 825 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.07.2022 REGARDING "DAMS NEAR NATIONAL PARKS"

List of projects near national parks and wildlife sanctuaries, which have been granted environment clearance by MoEF&CC in last three years

S.No	Project Name	State Name	Date of EC	Remarks
1.	Nardaveae Medium Irrigation Project, by M/s Water Resources Department, Konkan Irrigation Development Corporation, Maharashtra	Maharashtra	24-03-2020	Forest land: 34.14 ha Wildlife:Radhanagrai wild life sanctuary 0.75-2 km.
2.	Majhgaon Medium Project by M/s Water Resources Department, Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	08-04-2019	Forest land: 426.76 ha Panna National Park 10.5km. Panna Gangau Sanctuary 8.25 km; Ken Ghariyal Sanctuary 5.25 km
3.	Satdharu Medium Irrigation Project by M/s Water Resource department, Govt. Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	11-11-2020	Forest land:1226.34 ha Wildlife: Noradehi Sanctuary 4.50 km
4.	Parbati (Rinsi) Major Project by M/s Water Resource department, Govt. Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	11-12-2019	Forest Land: no forest land Wildlife: Narsinghgarh Wildlife Sanctuary 0.1 km
5.	Shaheed Lakhan Nayak by M/s Meenakshi Odisha Power Private Limited	Orissa	13-08-2021	Forest Land: 4.90 ha Wildlife: 1.09 km from Kanger Valley National Park (Chhattisgarh State)
6.	Rongnichu HEP By M/s Madhya Bharat Power Corporation Limited	Sikkim	02-02-2021	Forest land: 48.48 ha Wildlife: Fambonglho wildlife sanctuary 3.79 km
	P V Narasimha Rao Kanthanapally Sujala Sravanthi Project, by M/s Irrigation and CAD department, Government of Telangana	Telangana	13-10-2020	Forest land: 27.91 ha Wildlife: Eturnagaram wildlife sanctuary 0.5 km
8.	Lakhwar Multipurpose Project by M/s UJVN LTD	Uttarakhand	02-02-2021	Forest land: 768.16 ha Wildlife: Mussoorie Wildlife Sanctuary 2 km
9.	Vishnugad Pipalkoti Hydro- Electric Project by M/s THDC India Limited	Uttarakhand	26-08-2021	Forest land: 100.39 ha Wildlife: Kedarnath Wildlife sanctuary 5.20 km
10.	Rammam Hydro Power Project, Stage-III (3X40 MW) by M/s NTPC Limited	West Bengal	26-08-2021	Forest land: 74.08 ha Singalila National Park 9.0 km, Rhododendron Wild Life Sanctuary 4.2 km.