

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2988**

ANSWERED ON 08.08.2024

**FLOODS IN MAHARASHTRA**

2988. SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the alarming situation of potential flood in Western Maharashtra due to excessive rainfall which could lead to overflow from the Almatti dam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the issue?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

**(a) to (c)** Western Maharashtra faces flood in varying degrees in event of excessive rainfall in the region. Heavy inflow due to excessive rainfall in Krishna River basin contributes to Almatti dam.

An Experts Study Committee constituted by State Government of Maharashtra to suggest remedial measures to decrease flood effects in Sangli, Satara and Kolhapur districts of Western Maharashtra has submitted its report in October, 2021 and Government of Maharashtra has accepted its recommendation. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been prepared for operation of Almatti reservoir with the consent of both the States.

Ministry of Jal Shakti vide Order dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 has issued directions to all State/UTs/Authority/Dam Authority mandating them to give an intimation to the adjacent States immediately, after a decision is taken by the authorities to release water from their reservoirs / dam so as to forewarn the receiving State / Authorities / Dam Authorities to pre-empt a possible disaster.

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