

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1798**

ANSWERED ON 05.12.2024

**WATER STORAGE CAPACITY AT AAJI DAM**

1798. SHRI PARSHOTTAMBHAI RUPALA

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

the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in partnership with the State Government of Gujarat to boost the water storage capacity of Aaji Dam?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

The Government of India is implementing the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) Phase II and III with funding assistance from the World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank. Under the Scheme, there is a provision for need-based desiltation/undertaking sediment management works for a few pilot reservoirs to restore the lost capacity to the possible extent. Gujarat Water Resource Department (WRD) is one of the participating Implementing Agencies under the DRIP Phase-II & III Scheme. As per Union Cabinet approval for the DRIP Scheme, provision exists for the safety improvement of six dams of Gujarat at the estimated cost of Rs. 400 crore. However, Aaji Dam has not been proposed for rehabilitation under the Scheme by Gujarat WRD.

WRD, Gujarat has informed that Aaji Dam is currently planned to supply drinking water to Rajkot city.

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