

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2970

ANSWERED ON 12.12.2024

MAINTENANCE OF CHECKDAMS AND CANALS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the water crisis which is affecting the farmers due to lack of proper maintenance of existing checkdams and canals in Purulia district of West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to construct alternative canals and checkdams to meet the shortage of farming water in this area for improving the irrigation facilities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) Water is a state subject and water resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. Role of Government of India is limited to being catalytic, providing technical support, and partial financial assistance to a few identified projects under the ongoing schemes of this Ministry. Further techno-economic appraisal of water resources of projects is done by Central Water Commission under this Ministry.

No specific information or proposal regarding water crisis due to lack of proper maintenance of existing check dams and canals or to construct alternative canals and check dams to meet the shortage of farming water for improving the irrigation facilities in Purulia, West Bengal has been received in Central Water Commission.
