

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

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*389**

ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

**WATER STORAGE CAPACITY OF AJI DAM**

\*389. SHRI PARSHOTTAMBHAI RUPALA

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

the details of measures implemented/being implemented by the Government in partnership with the State Government of Gujarat to boost the water storage capacity at Aji Dam?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI C R PAATIL)

A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART OF STARRED QUESTION NO. \*389 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING “WATER STORAGE CAPACITY OF AJI DAM”**

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 (AIIB). Under DRIP, there is provision for need based desiltation and to undertake sediment management works for priority reservoirs to restore the lost capacity to the extent possible.

Gujarat Water Resource Department (WRD) is one of the participating Implementing Agencies under DRIP scheme. As per Union Cabinet approval for the DRIP Phase II & III Scheme, provision exists for safety improvement of six dams of Gujarat at an estimated cost of Rs. 400 crore. Gujarat WRD has not proposed to undertake any rehabilitation work to boost/augment its water storage capacity. As mentioned by the State Government, the water stored in Aji dam/reservoir is only used to meet the drinking water supply to Rajkot city under SAUNI YOJANA.

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