

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1471**

ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

**AVAILABILITY OF WATER IN INDRAVATI DAM**

1471. SMT. MALVIKA DEVI

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

- (a) the action taken/being taken by the Government to ensure sufficient water availability in Indravati dam as a lot of repair is needed in it;
- (b) whether the Government has any future projects or investments for Indravati dam and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that the rivers in Odisha have barrages for the use of water in summer at a lot of places for paddy production; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to clean the rivers and make sure they are maintained well?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

**(a) & (b)** As informed by the State Government of Odisha, Indravati Dam is in good condition and no major repair is needed at present. Water availability depends on rainfall on its catchment area. As on 06.02.2025, the available storage in the Indravati reservoir is around 44% of their live storage capacity.

As of now, there is no such proposal for any future projects or investments for Indravati Dam.

**(c)** Government of Odisha has informed that 27 number of barrages have been envisaged across different rivers in the State to ensure storage of sufficient water in summer for production of paddy and for other essential purposes. Further, Government of Odisha has also planned various In-stream Storage Projects across different rivers in the State to ensure storage of sufficient water in summer for drinking and ground water recharge purposes.

**(d)** The pollution on the river stretches in Odisha are identified and prioritized according to their pollution category by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). Water Quality of 50 rivers in Odisha was monitored at 133 locations during the year 2019 and 2021. As per the CPCB report on Polluted River Stretches (PRS) 2018, there were 19 PRS, which has now reduced to 7 as per the Report 2022.

Also, a technical committee on Mahanadi Rejuvenation has been formed by the Government of Odisha, Department of Water Resources vide notification dated 31.07.2024.

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