

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 486**

ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025

**WATER HERITAGE STRUCTURES IN TAMIL NADU**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that four Water Heritage Structures (WHSs) have been identified from the State of Tamil Nadu during Amrit Mahotsav;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the efforts made/being made by the Government in coordination with the State Government to maintain/upgrade WHSs in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) whether any funds have been allocated by the Government for WHSs in 2024-25 Budget, with a particular reference to Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

**(a) & (b)** As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, the National Water Mission under the Ministry of Jal Shakti has identified seventy-five ancient water conservation structures across India, designating them as “Water Heritage Structures” (WHSs). Notably, out of these 75 WHSs, 07 have been identified from Tamil Nadu. The details of these seven WHSs identified from Tamil Nadu are as follows:

S.No.	Name of the Structure	Location		
		Village/Town	District	State
1	Kallanai Dam (Grand Anicut on the Kaveri)	Thanjavur	Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu
2	Veeranam Tank	Veeranandhapuram	Cuddalore	Tamil Nadu
3	Kalingarayan Anicut	Mettunasuvampalayam / Bhavani	Erode	Tamil Nadu
4	Lower Anicut	Anaikarai	Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu
5	Buckingham Canal (Kommamur Canal)			Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
6	Noyyal River System Tanks	Several locations along the Noyyal	Coimbatore, Tirupur	Tamil Nadu
7	Vandiyur Mariamman Teppakulam	Vandiyur	Madurai	Tamil Nadu

(c) Water is a State subject, and the Central Government supports State efforts through technical and financial assistance. In this regard, the National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, has requested State Governments to take necessary action for the conservation and restoration of these structures. States have been requested to take necessary action in this regard in consultation with the State Archaeological Departments, relevant agencies and district administration, after identifying the appropriate nodal agency.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

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