

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2059
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

CONSTRUCTION OF A BARRAGE DOWNSTREAM OF RIVER YAMUNA IN AGRA

2059. **SHRI RAJKUMAR CHAHAR**

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

- (a) whether the proposal for construction of a barrage downstream of the river Yamuna in Agra is pending for consideration before the Government or any of its departments or expert bodies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time since when it is pending along with the reasons or objections therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that construction of the said barrage would help augment groundwater levels, promote greenery and enhance the scenic and environmental value of monuments such as the Taj Mahal, Mehtab Bagh, Etmad-ud-Daula, Ram Bagh and Jaswant Singh ki Chhatri and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to assess and promote the potential of such a barrage for enabling boating, cruising and sustainable riverfront development in Agra and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(**SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY**)

(a) to (d)

- i. The Irrigation & Water Resources Department (IWRD), Government of Uttar Pradesh, has submitted a proposal to the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) seeking approval under Section 42 of River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016 for the construction of a rubber dam downstream of the Taj Mahal on the River Yamuna in Agra;
- ii. Upon receipt of such proposals, NMCG undertakes a detailed examination to assess potential impacts on river morphology, ambient environment, structural integrity of the proposed structures, etc. before granting approval. This review also considers the status of statutory clearances obtained from relevant departments and agencies, as applicable.
- iii. IWRD, U.P has been advised to conduct a detailed scientific assessment & Hydro geological study of the potential impact of impounding water through the proposed rubber dam on the foundation and structural integrity of the Taj Mahal, and also furnish details of a mechanism to ensure continuous flow in the river so as to tackle water quality.
