

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1612

ANSWERED ON 01.08.2024

WATER HERITAGE STRUCTURES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1612. SHRI C M RAMESH

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 Andhra Pradesh during Amrit Mahotsav;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of efforts being made by the Union Government, in coordination with the State Government to maintain/upgrade WHSs in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether any funds have been allocated by the Government for WHSs in 2023-24 Budget, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) As a part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsava, National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti has identified 75 ancient water conservation structures across India and declared them as "Water Heritage Structures"(WHS). Out of 75 Water Heritage Structure, four (04) sites have been taken from the State of Andhra Pradesh. The details of the 4 WHS are as under:

| S.No. | Name of the Structure | Location | |
|-------|--|--|------------------|
| | | Village/Town | District |
| 1 | K.C. Canal Aqueduct across Hundri River | Kurnool | Kurnool |
| 2 | Cumbum Tank | Cumbum (V), Cumbum- mandal | Prakasam |
| 3 | Porumamilla Tank (Anantharaja Sagaram | Porumamilla | Kadapa |
| 4 | Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage (Dowleshwaram Anicut) | Dowleswaram (V), Rajahmundry Rural(M) | East Godavari |

(c) Water is a State subject and the Central Government supplements the efforts of the States through technical and financial support. In this context, National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti has requested the State Government to take necessary action towards conservation/restoration of these structures in consultation with State Archaeological Departments and other departments/agencies along with district administration after identifying the nodal agency.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.
