

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 631

ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024

BRIDGE CUM BARRAGE AT SOMASILA

631. DR. BYREDDY SHABARI

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

- (a) whether the Government has any data regarding the expected benefits of constructing the bridge cum barrage at Somasila and Siddeshwaram in Nandyal Lok Sabha Constituency for the local community, including potential improvements in transportation, irrigation and flood control and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any steps are being taken to ensure that the proposed bridge cum barrage would have State-of-the-art design and infrastructure to meet both transportation and water management needs and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are plans to collaborate with engineering and architectural institutions to ensure innovative and sustainable design practices for the proposed bridge cum barrage and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken and the measures being considered to ensure that the construction and operation of the bridge cum barrage would not adversely affect the local environment and promotes sustainable development?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (d) Water being a State subject, mandate for planning, implementation and funding of irrigation projects, including barrages, lies in the domain of the State Government concerned. However, partial financial assistance to the identified irrigation projects is being provided by Government of India under its ongoing schemes.

As per information provided by Government of Andhra Pradesh, there is no proposal for construction of bridge cum barrage at Somasila and Siddeshwaram.
