

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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POLICY ON CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to formulate any policy regarding the construction of new dams in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments have also held any discussions and meetings with the Union Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Water Resources does not propose to formulate any specific policy regarding construction of new dams in the country. However, policy aspects of planning and management of water resources projects, including dams, are dealt with in the National Water Policy 2002. The salient features of National Water Policy, 2002 are annexed.

(c) & (d) The State Governments participated in tenth meeting of the National Water Board held on 29th October 1998, Working Group constituted by National Water Resources Council (NWRC), 4th & 5th meetings of NWRC held on 7th July 2000 and 1st April 2002 respectively for formulation and adoption of National Water Policy, 2002.