

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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OLD DAMS
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and names of dams which have outlived their life; and
- (b) the policy of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) 12182 the feasible service time for reservoir relevant to irrigation projects is not less than 100 years and for hydro projects the same shall not be less than 70 years. This limitation is not applicable to structural safety of dam, which depends on quality of design, construction and maintenance. The structural safety of dam is the responsibility of dam owners and as such no information has been furnished by any of the dam owners regarding any dam that has outlived its life. As such no specific policies are available to decide the life of dam structure.