

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala is contemplating to construct a check dam across Siruvani and Bhavani rivers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on the sources of water resources to the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the Union Government has issued any direction to the Kerala Government to reconsider its proposal in order to protect the interests of the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government of Kerala thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) No proposal for constructing a check dam across Siruvani and Bhavani river has been received in Central Water Commission (CWC).

However, the proposal for a project from Government of Kerala namely Attappady Irrigation Project (medium) envisaging construction of a masonry dam across Siruvani river, a tributary of Bhavani river in Cauvery Basin at Chittor of Palakkad district, Kerala. This proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee of MoWR in its meeting held on 30.09.1977. This proposal was for utilization of 4.1 TMC of Cauvery Water to irrigate 8047 ha annually and 1.68MCM of water for drinking purpose. A modified performa report for utilization of about 4.6 TMC of water to provide annual irrigation to 8378 ha was received in CWC during December 1988. CWC has requested Govt. of Kerala to obtain interim allocation of required water of 4.6 TMC from Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal (CWDT).