

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3123
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2012
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DAMS
Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to formulate any policy regarding the constitution of new dams in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments have also held any discussion 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) to (d) There is no proposal to formulate any policy exclusively for construction of new dams in the country. However, the National Water Policy, adopted in 2002, was reviewed in consultation meetings with policy makers, representatives of academia, experts, professionals, non-Governmental Organizations and was revised as per recommendations of the National Water Board in June 2012. The Draft Policy states that the planning and management of water resources structures, such as, dams, flood embankments, tidal embankments, etc., should incorporate coping strategies for possible climate changes. The Draft Policy also states that the adaptation strategies could, inter alia, include increasing water storage in its various forms, namely, soil moisture, ponds, ground water, small and large reservoirs, and their combination, which provides a mechanism for dealing with increased variability because of climate change.