

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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OLD DAMS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government for protection of old dams; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Yes Madam, the Union Government has received proposals for rehabilitation of few old dams under World Bank funded "Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)" from some of the States.

(b) Central Government received proposals initially from thirteen States, namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa for participating in the project. The World Bank DRIP Preparation Mission visited India from 12 to 22 November, 2008 and held discussions with officials of Central Water Commission (CWC) & the participating States. Out of 13 States only 11 States participated in the discussions (Uttar Pradesh and Bihar did not attend the discussion). The Aide Memoire (November, 2008) circulated by the World Bank indicated inclusion of 5 States viz. Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Tamil Nadu as confirmed States for DRIP implementation on the basis of institutional readiness, Government interest and commitment. Of the other states that had earlier shown interest in the project, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh indicated that they would be unlikely to join DRIP. The World Bank Mission considered that the proposals from Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand and West Bengal were not sufficient for inclusion for reasons of small number of dams proposed or quality and readiness of documentation.

The finalized 5 States were requested to convey their government level willingness with concurrence of their finance department for participation in DRIP. The Government of Chhattisgarh has indicated that they are not inclined for taking part in the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project with World Bank assistance. However, willingness was indicated by 4 states namely Kerala, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. About 223 large dams in four states are identified for rehabilitation under DRIP. The total cost of the project is estimated to be Rs. 2100 crore. The overall project supervision and coordination is being carried out by the Central Water Commission. Fiver new States/ Organisations (Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd, Damodar Valley Corporation Ltd) have also shown their interest in participating in DRIP, for which a provision of unallocated resources has already been kept. Decision regarding their inclusion will be finalized shortly in consultation with the World Bank. The project has become effective from 18th April, 2012. The details of DRIP dams and estimated cost are as under:-

State No. of No. of Total Project
total Dams DRIP Dams Cost (crore)

Kerala	54	31	279.99
Madhya Pradesh	906	50	314.55
Orissa	163	38	147.76
Tamil Nadu	108	104	745.46
CWC		132	
Unallocated			480.24

Total 1231 223 2100