

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CONDITION OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of dam and reservoirs built in the country have become very old;
- (b) if so, the details of the major dams and reservoirs, State-wise and the year in which each of them was built;
- (c) whether Government is aware that water canals of the said reservoirs are in a dilapidated condition leading to seepage and accumulation of weeds which results in water shortage to tail end farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to take up repair work of such dams and reservoirs and their water canals with cooperation of State Governments; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) As per National Register of Large Dams (NRLD), there are 4839 Nos. completed large dams. The State wise details along with year of completion is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) to (f) Government of India is aware of the maintenance issues associated with canals leading to seepage and weed growths and resulting in water shortage. However, water being State subject, maintenance of dams/canals is being taken up by the concerned State Governments as per their priority and availability of resources. The Government of India has launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 for providing central assistance for the on-going irrigation projects, as well as Extension, Renovation and Modernization (ERM) projects to help restore the capacity of canals. A detail of central assistance released to ERM projects under AIBP is at Annexure-II.

Govt. of India has taken up "Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)" with funding assistance from the World Bank for improving the safety status of some of the existing dams in the country. DRIP involves rehabilitation of about 223 large dams in four states i.e. Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The State-wise numbers of dams covered under DRIP and the estimate of the project cost is summarized in the Annexure-III.