

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 200

ANSWERED ON 29.01.2026

CONSTRUCTION OF TAWAR DAM

200. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the long-pending demand for construction of Tawar Dam, intended to irrigate and supply drinking water to about 20–25 villages near Khajuraho, has been formally examined and whether a Detailed Project Report has been prepared in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether techno-economic appraisal, environmental clearance and land acquisition processes have been initiated or completed for the said project and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether drinking water stress and irrigation shortfall in the proposed beneficiary villages have been documented in the Government's assessments and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether approvals, funding or clearances are pending and if so, the reasons therefor along with the corrective actions being taken to expedite sanction;
- (e) the timeline fixed for approval and execution of Tawar Dam; and
- (f) whether the project is proposed to be linked with any larger regional water initiatives to ensure groundwater recharge and irrigation security and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (f) Water being a State subject, water resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. However, in order to supplement their efforts, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources under various ongoing schemes.

Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that feasibility of construction of a minor tank namely Tawar Dam on a local stream near village Taricha, tehsil Devendranagar, district Panna has been examined by Water Resources Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh. The proposed site has catchment area of 13.25 square kilometers, a submergence area of approximately 112 hectares and a total storage capacity of 0.90 million cubic metre.

Government of Madhya Pradesh has further informed that the dam axis and submergence area both are entirely within forest land, which makes the project infeasible.
