

Dams/Barrages constructed on Major Rivers

3463. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dams/barrages constructed on major rivers in the country; and

(b) the details of the studies made on the adverse effect of all these dams in downstream areas resulting in silt riverbeds causing more and more floods?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) As per the National Register of Large Dams published by the Central Water Commission, 3596 dams have been constructed in the country. No such studies have been made, as the dams do not cause silting of river beds, causing floods in the downstream areas.

Status of Bansagar Project

†3464. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of construction work of Bansagar Project;

(b) by when the project's work will be completed and the benefits to be derived from the project at present;

(c) whether proposal for three schemes of Madhya Pradesh for Bansagar project are under Government's consideration; and

(d) if so, by when the sanction will be accorded to these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) Bansagar dam is a joint venture of

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