

onset of the impending monsoon. MoWR, RD and GR published the notification in the Gazette of India in respect of Cauvery Water Management Scheme *inter alia* constituting the Cauvery Water Management Authority and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee *vide* notification No. S.O. 2236 (E), dated 01.06.2018.

Safety and operational performance of dams

1424. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the safety and operational performance of 700 large dams across 18 States will be improved through repair and rehabilitation work over six years from 2020 to 2026 at an estimated cost of nearly ₹ 7,000 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of the dams will also be developed as tourist destinations, so that it can generate revenue for maintenance and create jobs for the local people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD&GR) invited the proposals from State Governments as well as Central Agencies in 2017 for Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)-II. 18 States and 2 Central Agencies submitted the proposals for inclusion of 719 dams at an estimated cost of ₹ 10220 crore. The proposal was sent by MoWR, RD and GR to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance which was discussed by Screening Committee of DEA in its 80th meeting held on 21st February, 2018. Based on the suggestion of the Screening Committee, this Ministry divided the proposal into two phases tranches of USD 500 Million for implementation period of 6 years each with overlapping of two years. This Ministry invited views of NITI Aayog on the revised proposal.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. DRIP II envisages tourism development on at least one dam site in each State on pilot basis. This would be one source of revenue generation in addition to fisheries, solar power models, water recreation facilities, etc.