

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2483
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021

DAM REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

2483 DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) for Tamil Nadu State at the cost of ₹ 745 crore with the financial contribution of eighty per cent from World Bank and twenty per cent from the Central Water Commission and Tamil Nadu Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status of funds disbursed and utilized till 31st March 2021 for the said project; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that Water Resources Department and the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board are the Nodal Departments in the said DRIP project and, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) Yes. State of Tamil Nadu participated in the World Bank funded Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) Phase-I, which was implemented during April 2012 to March 2021, for initial allocation of Rs.745.00 Crore. From Tamil Nadu, there were two implementing agencies namely, Tamil Nadu Water Resources Department (TN WRD) and Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO). The initial funding pattern under the DRIP program was 80:20, wherein 80% was financed through an International Bank for Reconstruction and Development loan (50%) and an International Development Association Credit (50%), and balance 20% was the counterpart funding borne by the State. The funding pattern was later revised to 70:30 ratio.

Eighty nine dams of Tamil Nadu were rehabilitated under the DRIP program [69 dams of TN WRD and 20 dams of TANGEDCO]. The loan disbursed by the World Bank till March 2021 for the State of Tamil Nadu was US Million Dollar 77.22 [TNWRD: USMD 59.2 and TANGEDCO: USMD 18.02]. Total expenditure incurred till March 2021 for the State of Tamil Nadu is Rs.660 Crore [Rs.506 Crore for TN WRD and Rs. 154 Crore for TANGEDCO].
