

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1680**

ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

**CRACKS IN RAYALA CHERUVU DAM IN TIRUPATI**

1680 SHRI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE PILLI

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the news reports of water leakage from cracks in the Rayala Cheruvu dam in Tirupati, one of the biggest reservoirs in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, what steps has Government taken to prevent any mishaps arising out of such incidents;
- (c) what other initiatives has Government taken under the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) & (b)** Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that leakages through the Rayala Cheruvu tank bund and sliding of bund were noticed during monsoon and cyclonic rains during third week of November 2021. Temporary restoration work was taken up by the State Government on war footing and the leakages were stopped through the tank bund and further damages were prevented. The people living in the downstream area of the tank were evacuated and rehabilitated. Since no further damage occurred to the tank bund, the people were again settled at their own houses safely. Further, Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that to strengthen the bund, an estimate has been prepared for permanent restoration work of Rayala Cheruvu tank with an estimated cost of Rs 25.20 crore.

**(c) to (e)** Andhra Pradesh is one of the participating States under the externally funded Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) Phase II & III for rehabilitation of 31 dams at an estimated cost of Rs. 667 crore. However, Rayala Cheruvu tank is not part of the list of dams included from Andhra Pradesh under DRIP- II & III.

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