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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.897

ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

DAMODAR VALLEY RELEASES AND FLOOD MODERATION

897.   SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water Commission (CWC) approved rule curves for Maithon and Panchet were followed during pre-monsoon drawdown and in the week preceding the floods in the State of West Bengal;

(b) hour-wise gate-operation logs, discharge data and advisories issued by the CWC, India Meteorological Department and the National Disaster Management Authority;

(c) reasons for any deviation and the basis for release decisions; and

(d) whether Government will order an independent audit under the Dam Safety Act, fix responsibility of Damodar Valley Corporation officials and notify time-bound compensation for losses in the State of West Bengal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY**)**

(a) & (b)   Maithon and Panchet reservoirs are managed under the supervision of the Damodar Valley Reservoir Regulation Committee (DVRRC), which includes representatives from all concerned states. Decisions on flood operations and release advisories are taken collectively, in consultation with stakeholders including the Government of West Bengal, and strictly follow the established norms, Guide Curves, and the DVRRC Manual.

For effective regulation, DVRRC maintains three-hourly discharge records from both reservoirs throughout the monsoon season, spanning 1st June to 31st October 2025. During this period, the committee issued a total of 110 release messages.

Details regarding the three-hourly outflow data and the release messages for the entire monsoon season of 2025 can be accessed via the link

https://www.jalshakti-dowr.gov.in/static/uploads/2025/12/a0119aadc945963395b838643f5e2ad4.pdf

(c) & (d)   In light of the above information, the question does not arise.

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