

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION OF WATER RESOURCES

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Water Commission (CWC) was entrusted with the responsibility for furthering and promoting measures for control, conservation and utilization of water resources in the country in areas of irrigation, hydropower generation, flood management and river conservation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the success has been achieved by CWC with reference to Bihar?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) As per the resolution dated 21st April, 1951, the then Central Water and Power Commission was charged with the general responsibility of initiating, coordinating and furthering, in consultation with the State Governments concerned, schemes for the control, conservation and utilization of water resources, throughout the country, for purpose of flood control, irrigation, navigation and water-power generation. With the bifurcation of Central Water and Power Commission, in Central Water Commission and Central Electricity Authority in the year 1974, the responsibility of works related to water power generation rests with Central Electricity Authority. Specific schemes related to flood management in Ganga basin States including Bihar are examined and monitored by Ganga Flood Control Commission which was established in the year 1972. National Water Development Agency has been established in the year 1982 to take up the works related to feasibility studies for the identified links under National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development.

The subjects of water supply, irrigation and canals, drainage and embankment, water storage and water power are in the State List. The State Governments conceive, plan and implement water resources development schemes. Central Water Commission (CWC) provides technical assistance and guidance to the State Governments particularly in techno- economic evaluation of irrigation and multipurpose projects. Other important activities of Central Water Commission include maintenance of network of key hydrological observation sites and flood forecasting stations.