

# **Role of cascading reservoirs in effective flood risk management**

-the case of Integrated  
Management of Narmada River  
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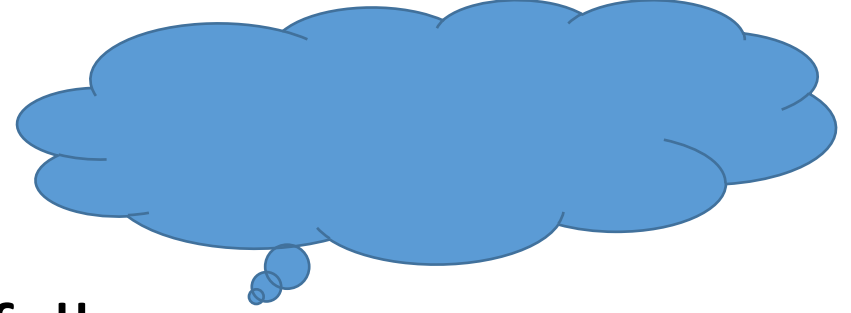
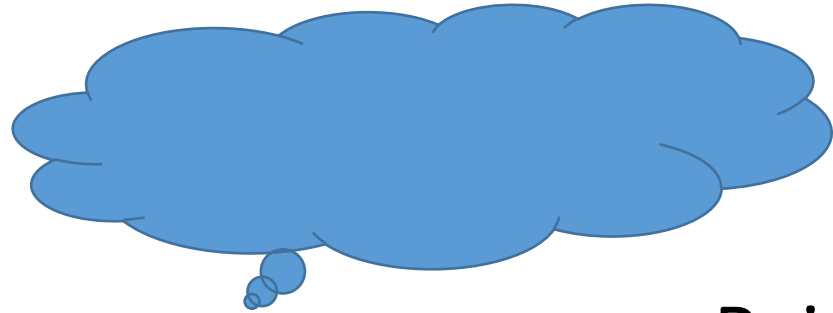
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**Flood  
Management is  
All about its  
TEMPORAL  
DISTRIBUTION**

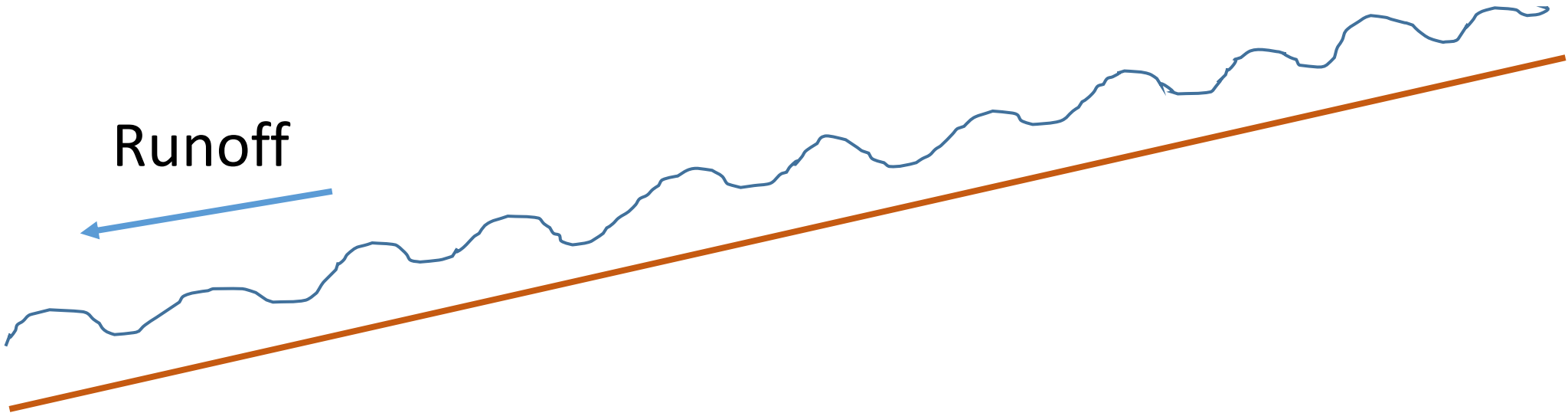
**Integrating Structural and  
Non-Structural Strategies for  
Flood Risk Mitigation**



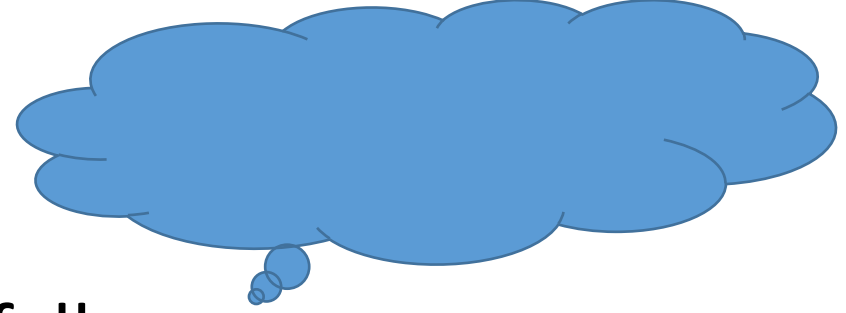
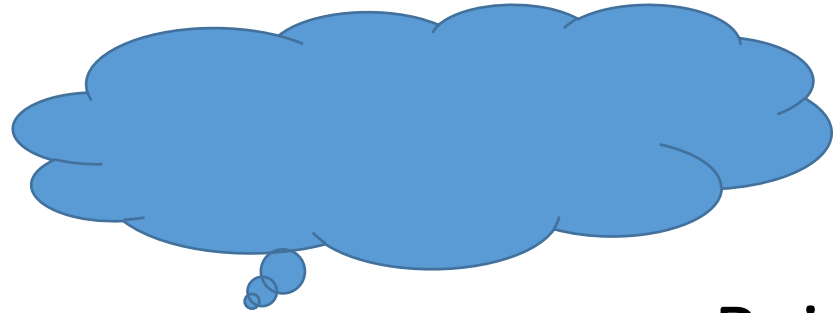


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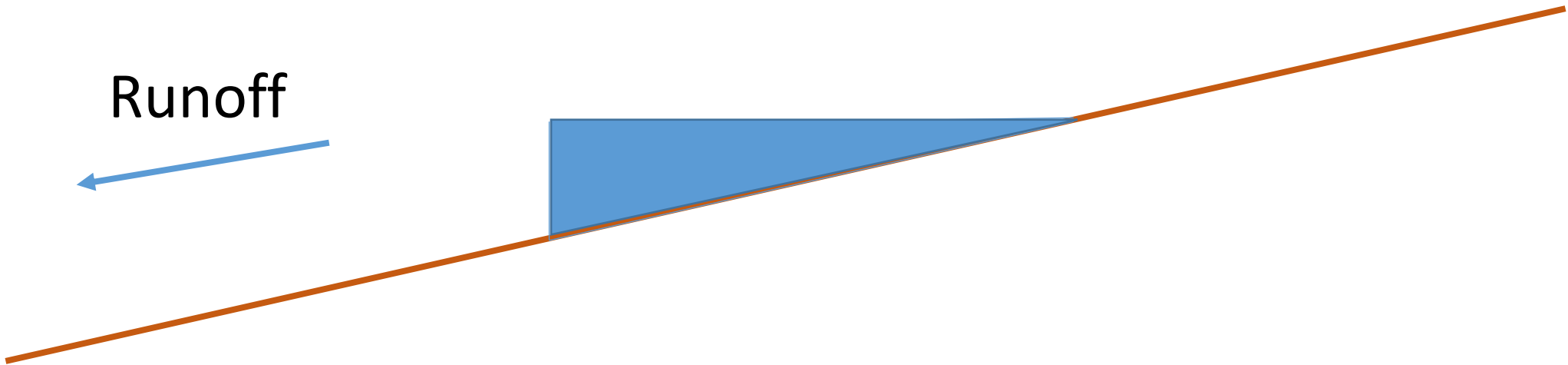


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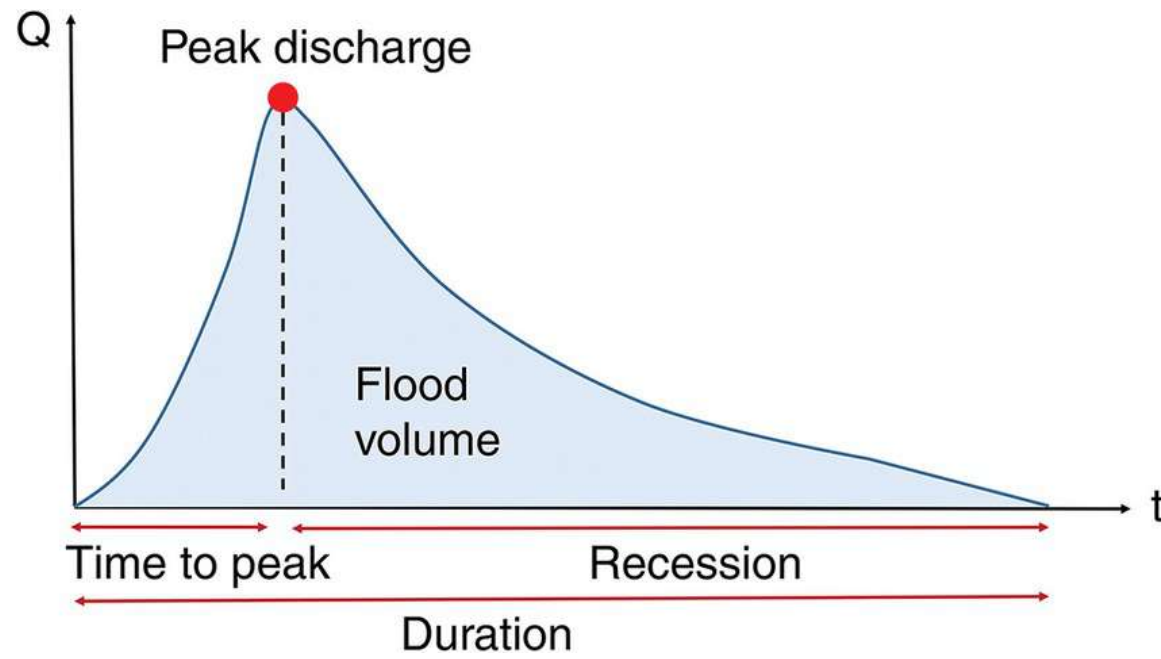


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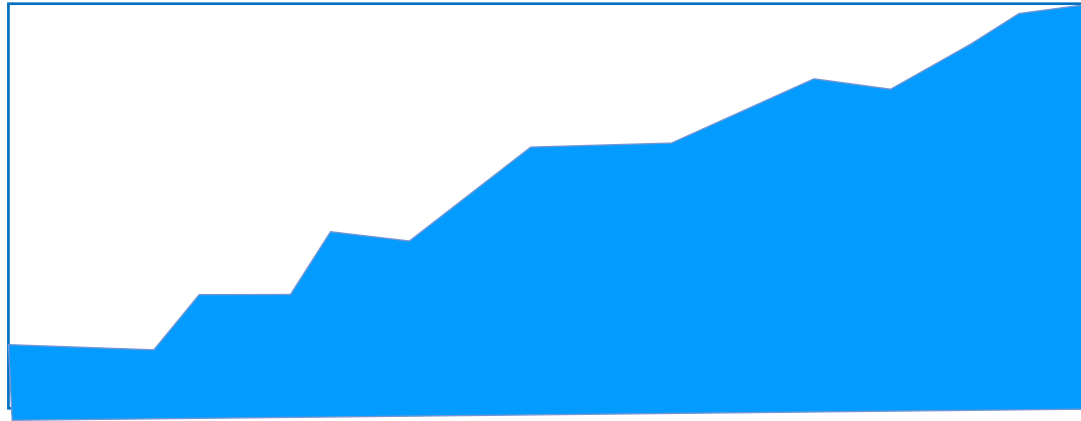
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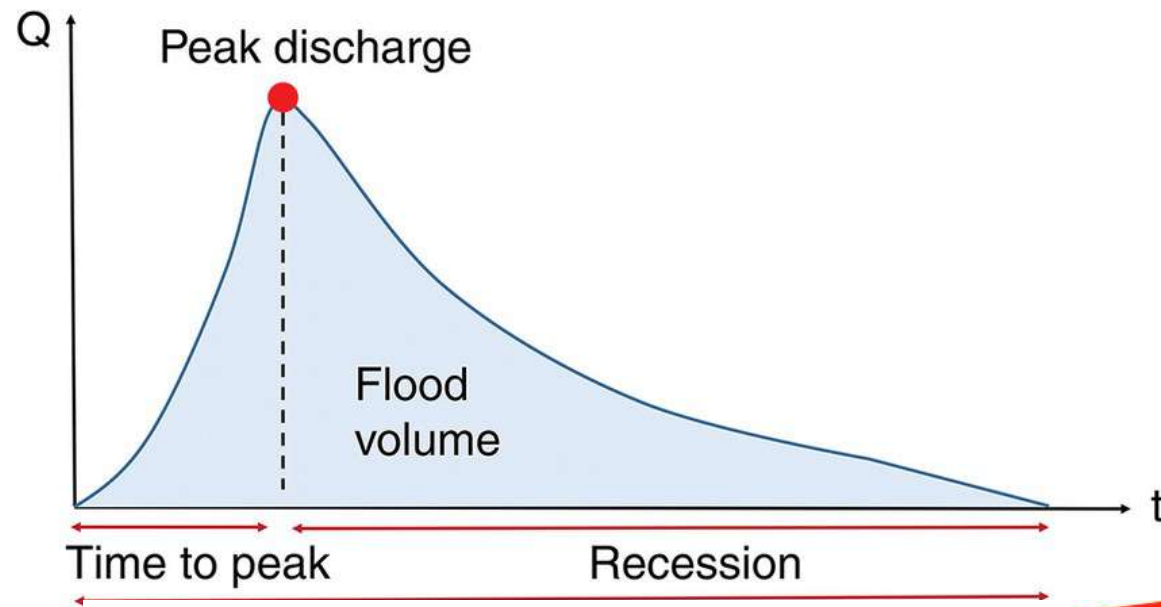


Reservoir created by constructing a Dam

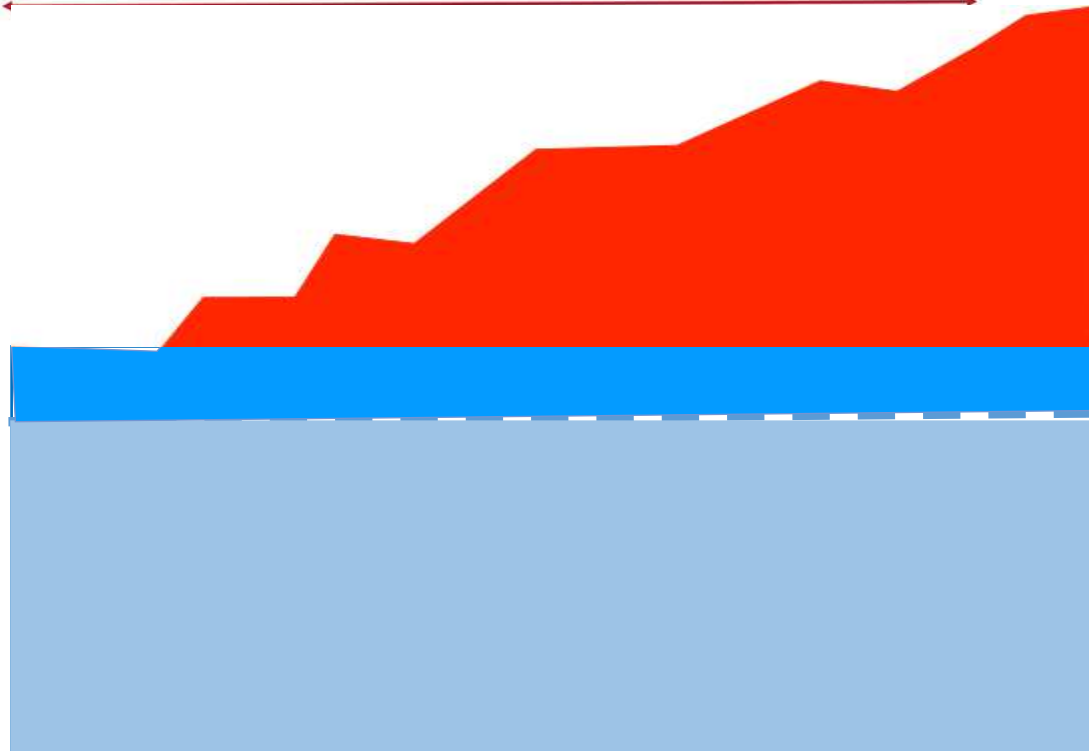


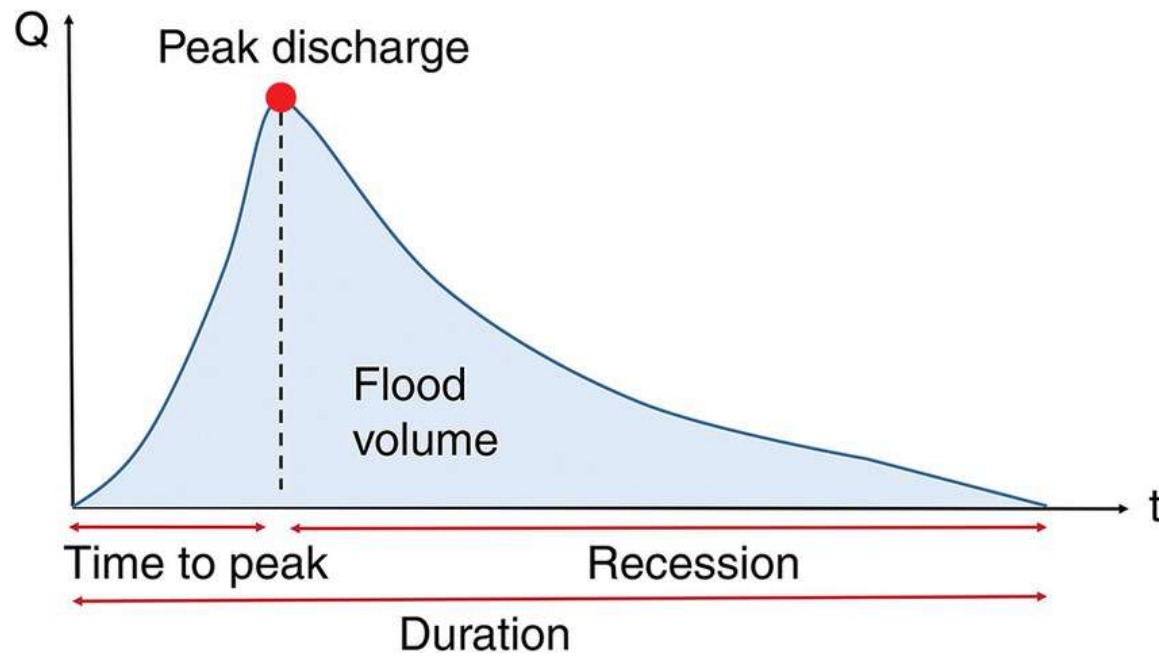
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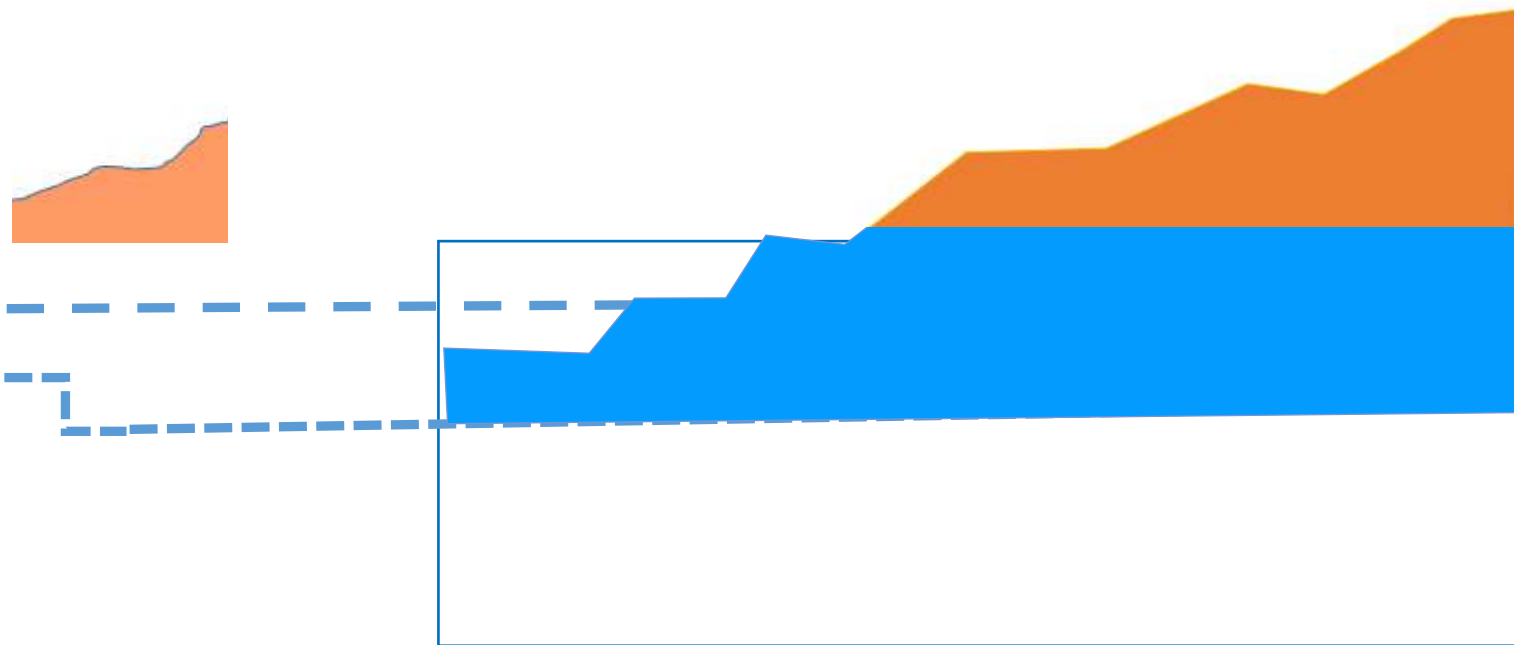
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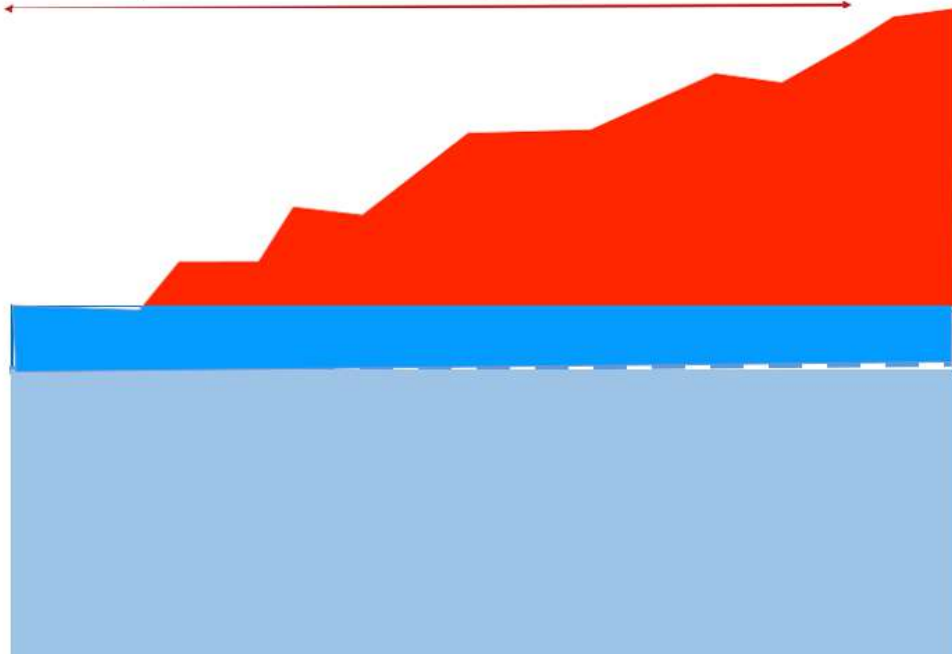
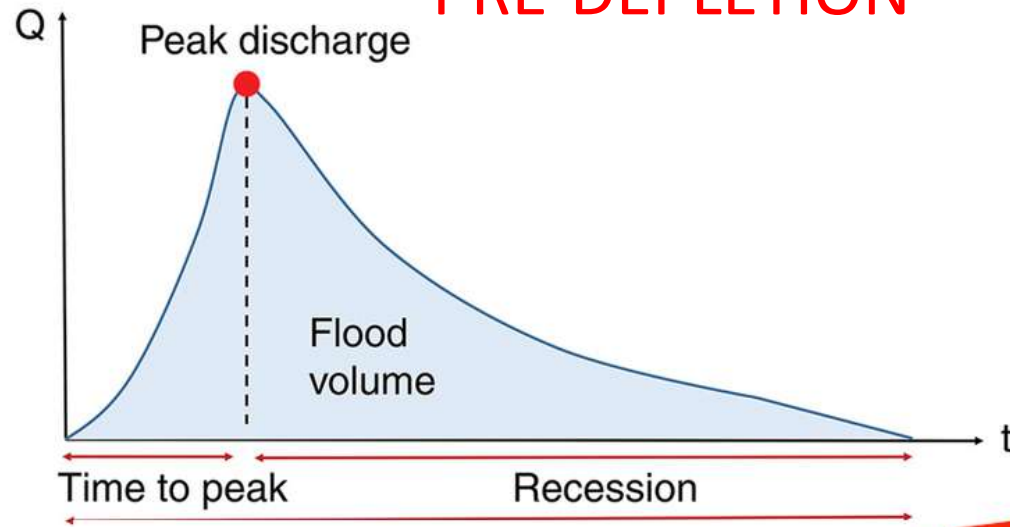


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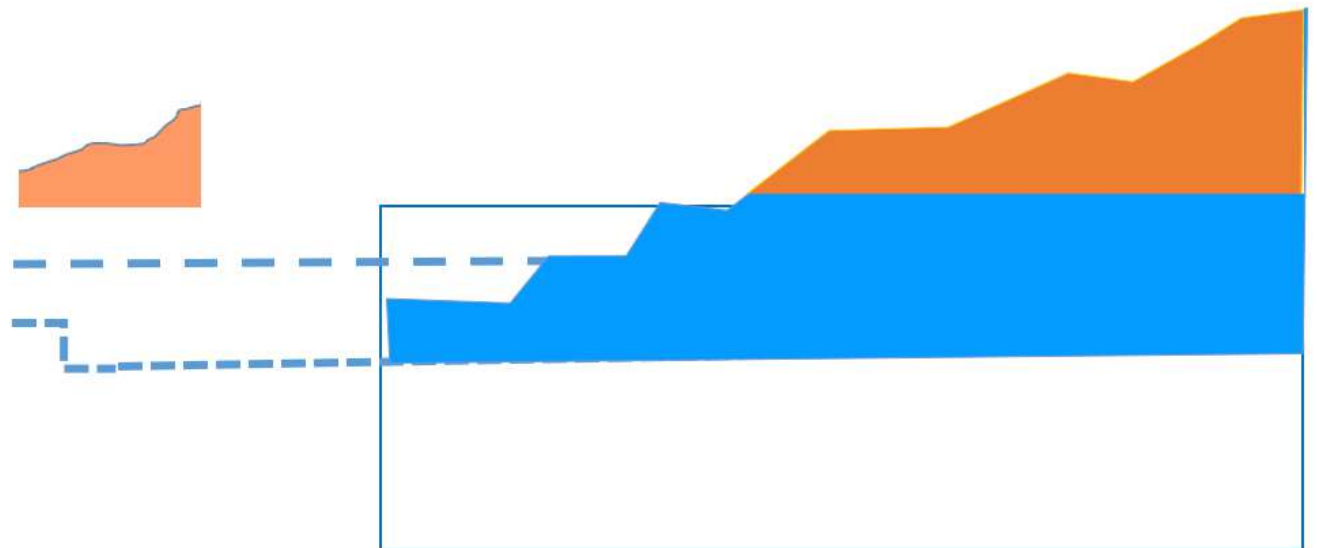
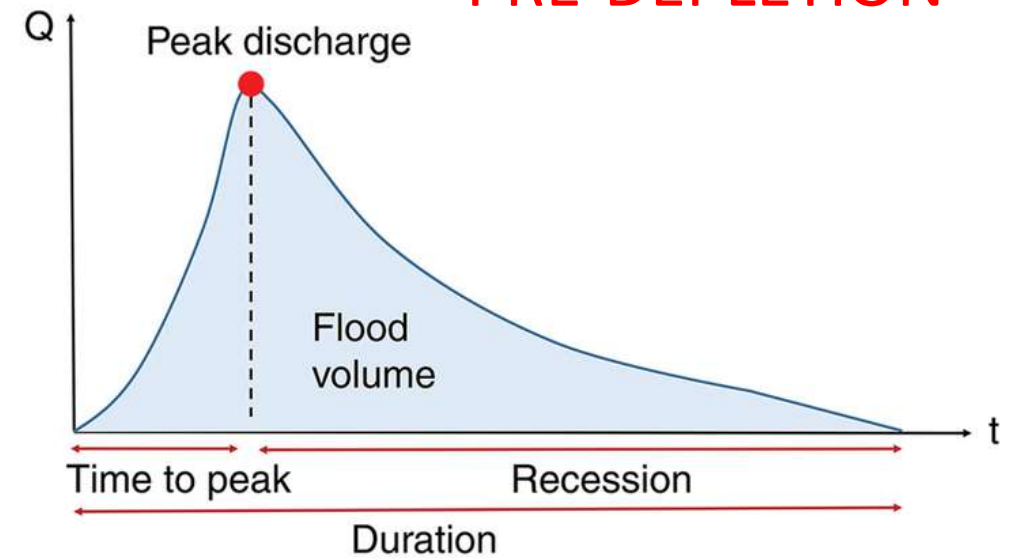
With Pre-Depletion  
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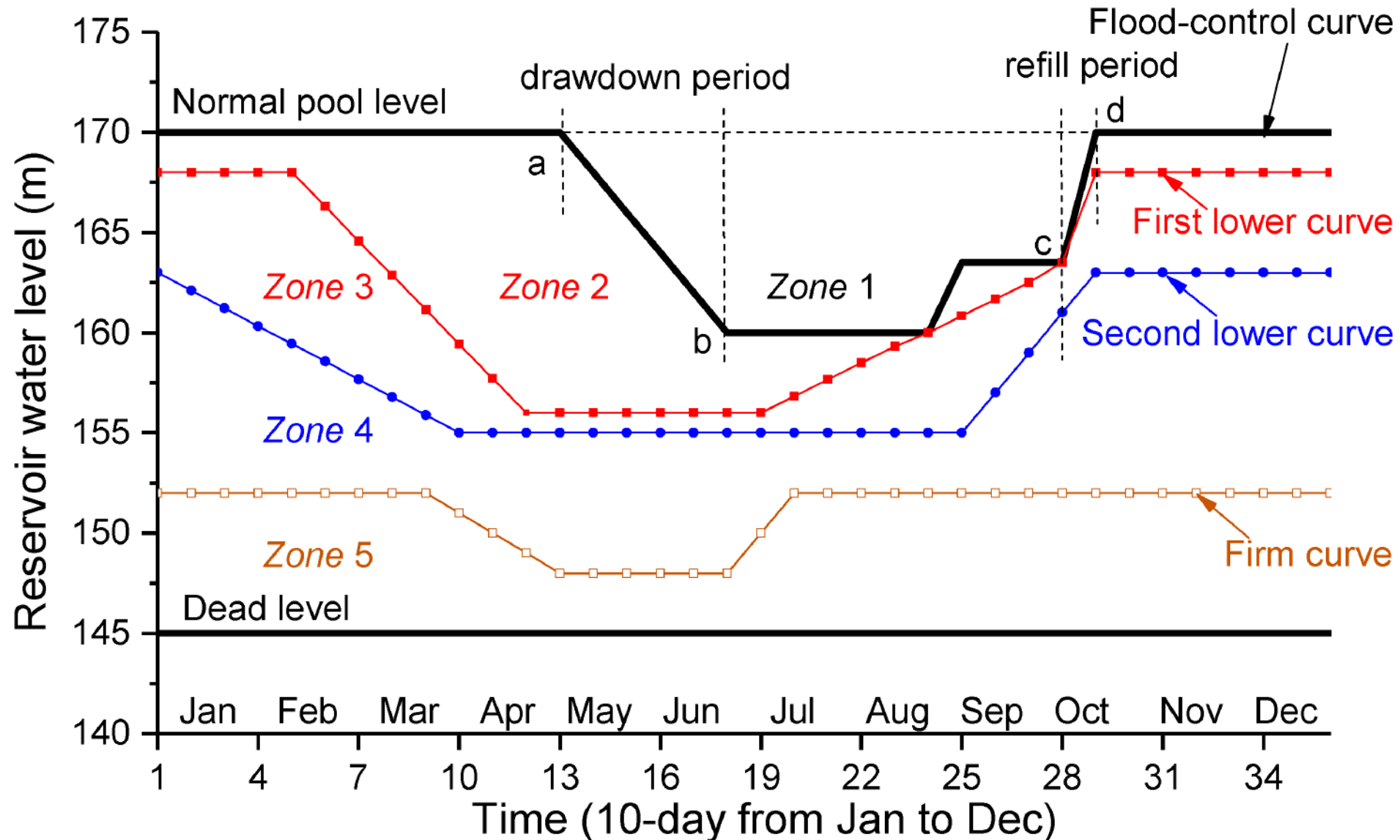
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## With PRE-DEPLETION

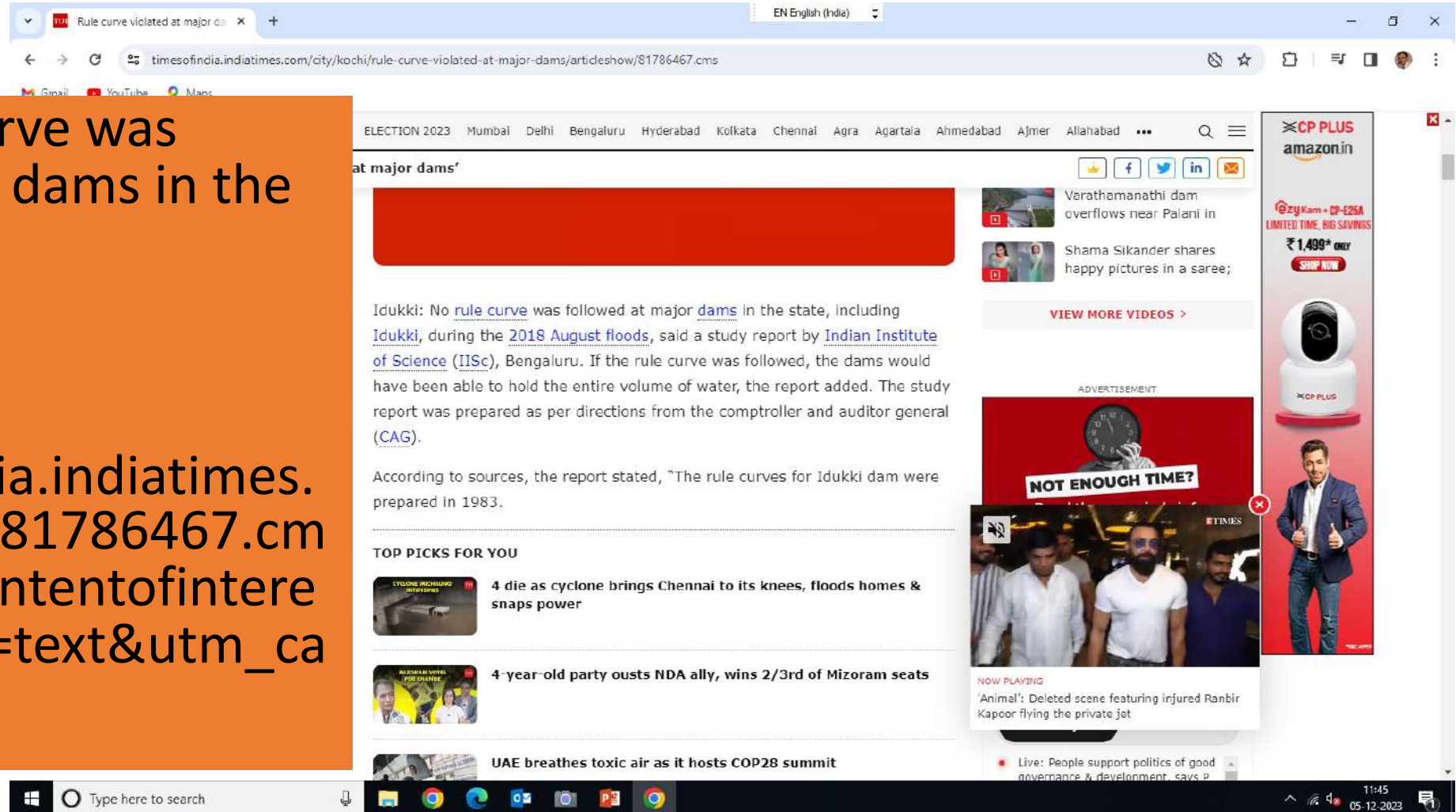


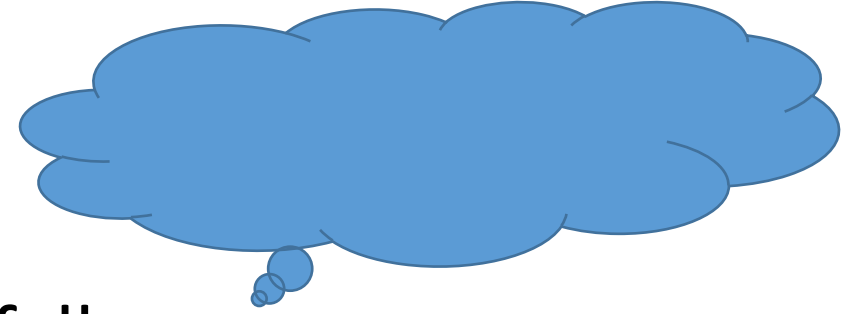
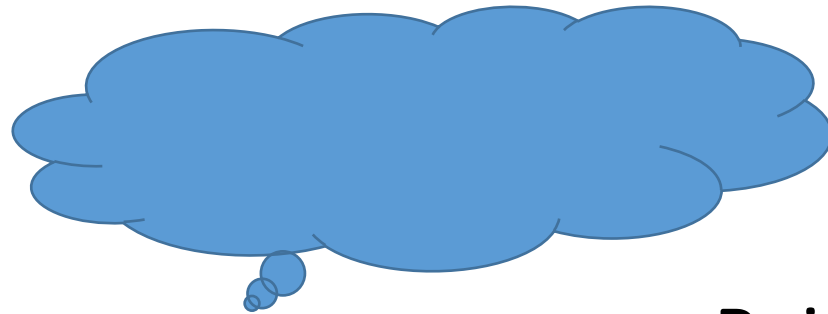
# Defining Rule Curve for Reservoir Operation



# IISc Bangaluru Study for August 2018 Flood

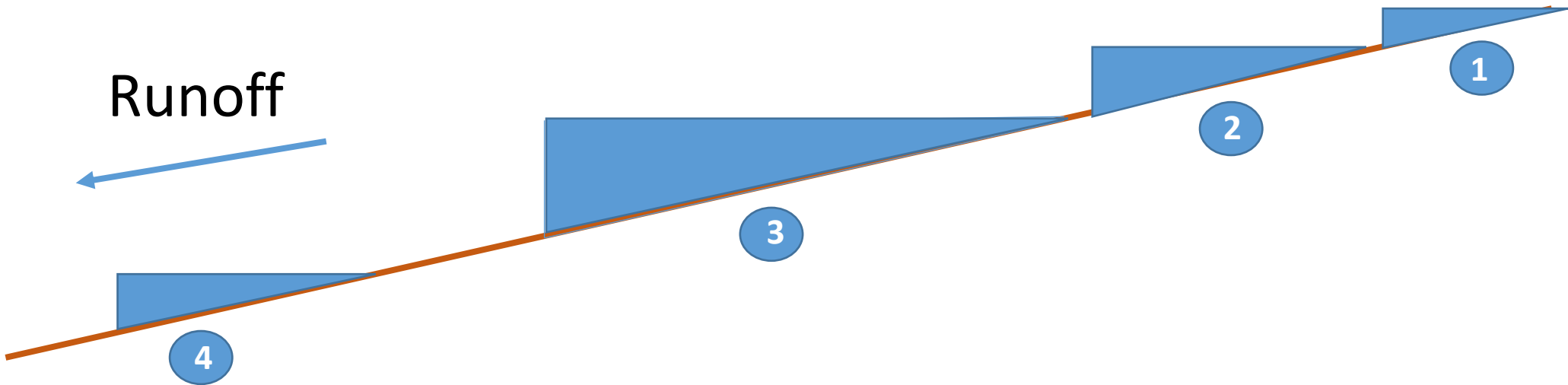
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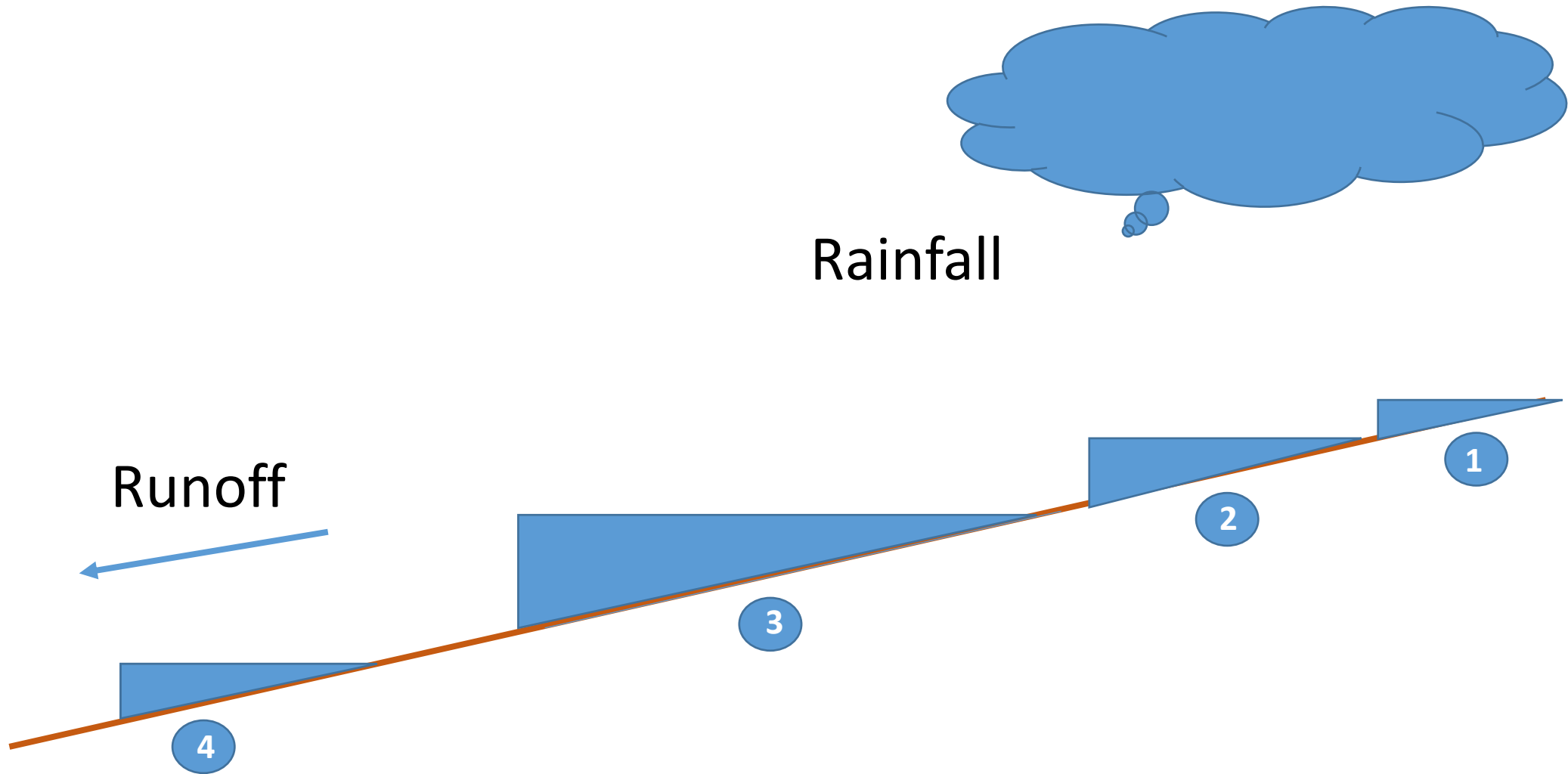


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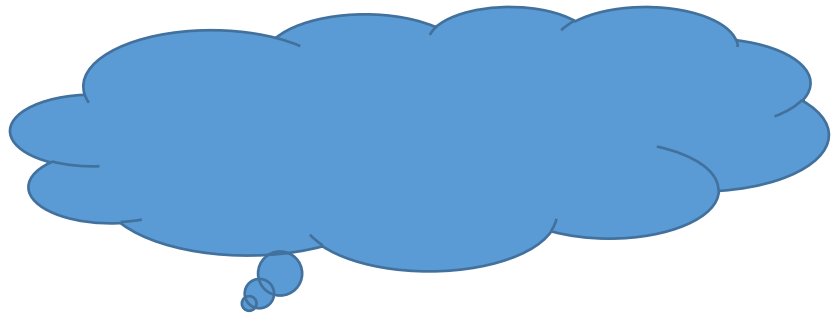
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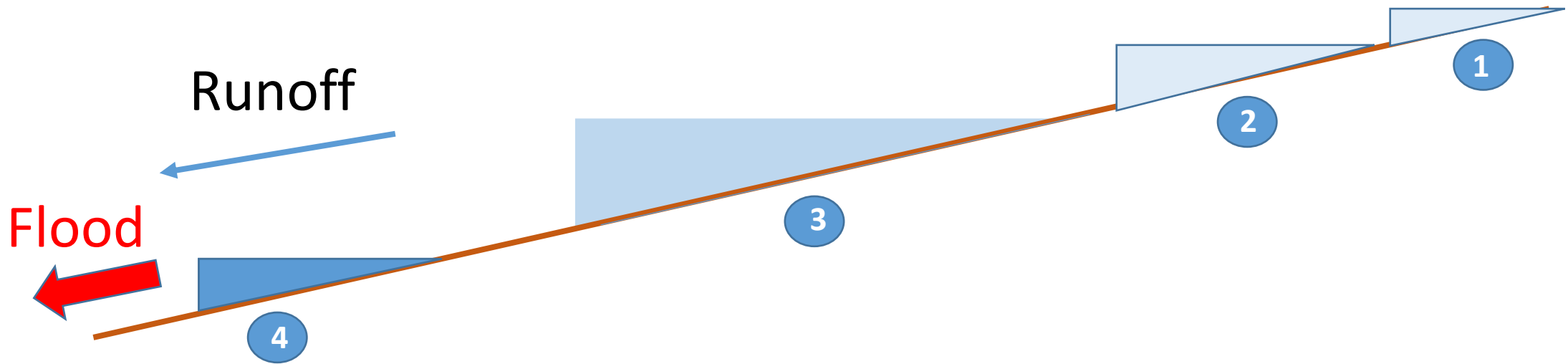
Cascading Reservoirs with Heavy Rainfall in entire Basin



Scenario I : Heavy Rainfall only in the Upstream Catchment



Rainfall

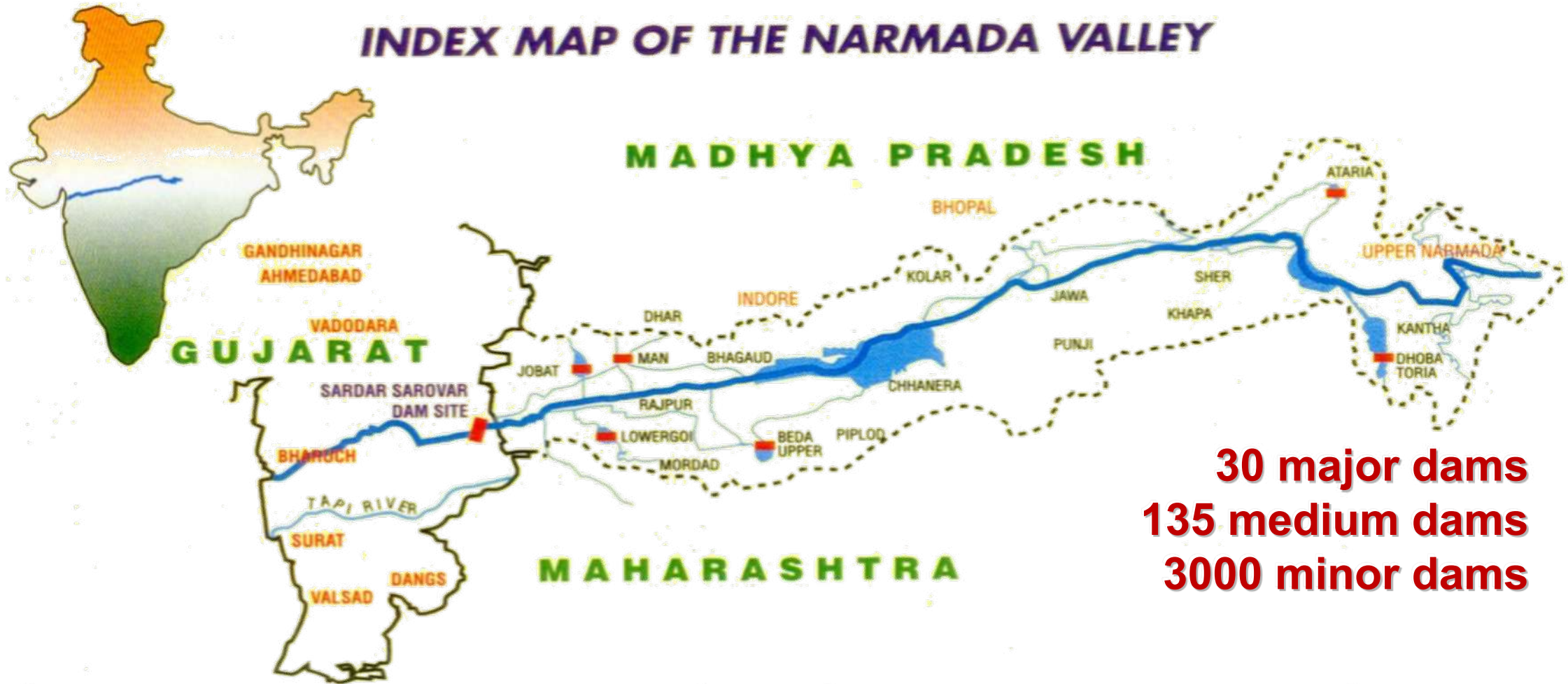


Scenario II : Heavy Rainfall only in the Downstream Catchment

# Integrated Flood Management in Narmada Basin

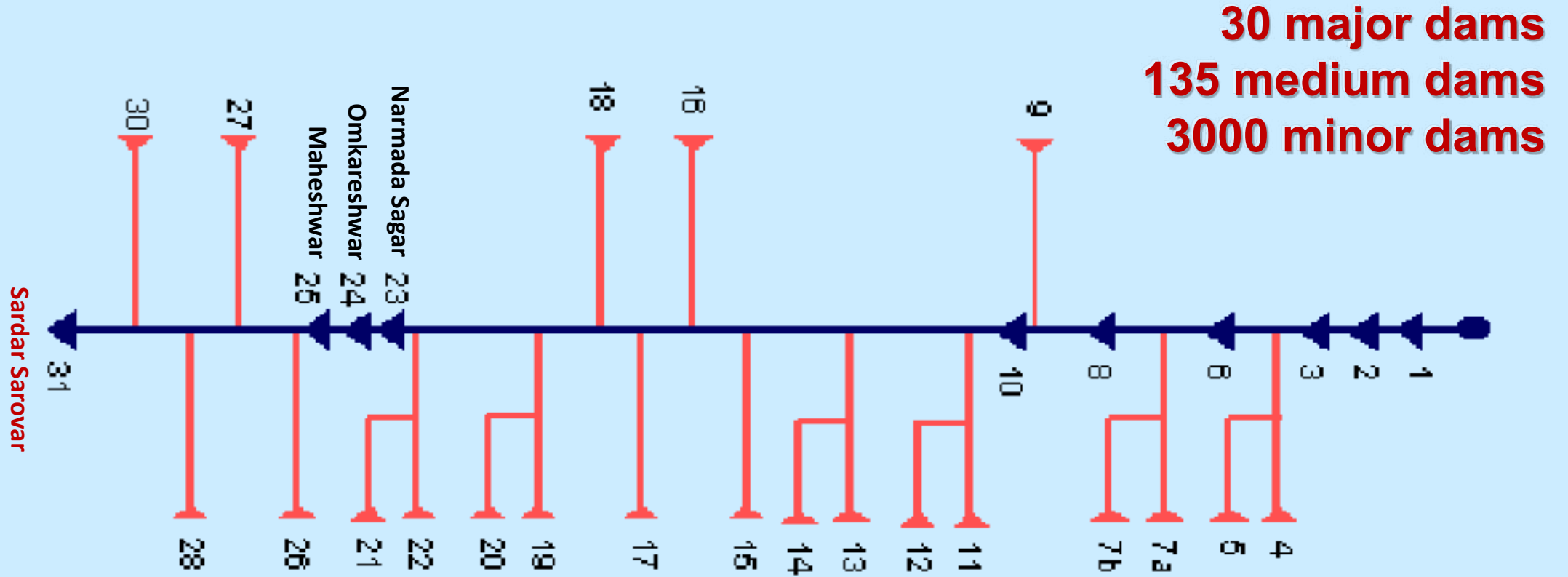


# Integrated Planning & Development of Narmada Basin



Total length 1,312 km (1077 km in M.P., 161 km in Gujarat).  
41 tributaries (22 on Left Bank and 19 on the Right Bank).

# Integrated Water Management of Narmada River

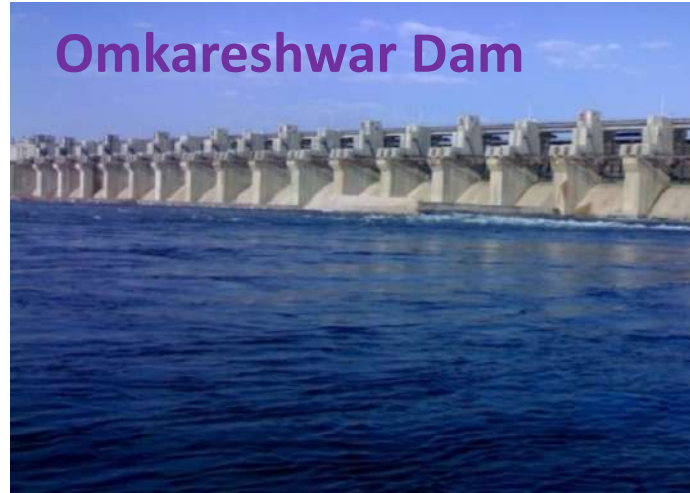


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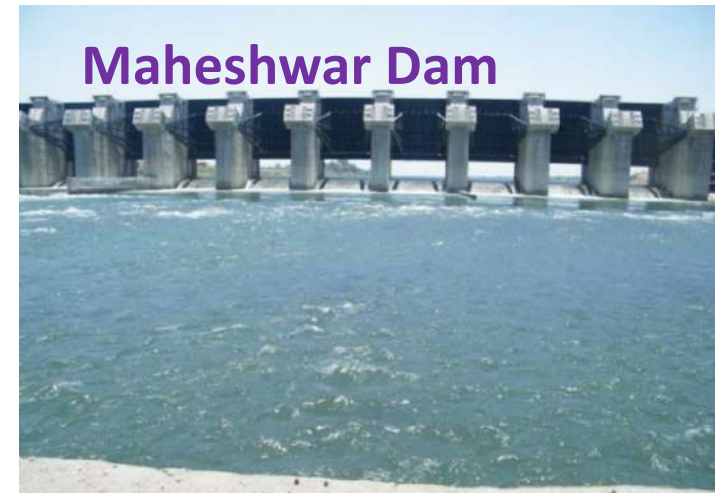
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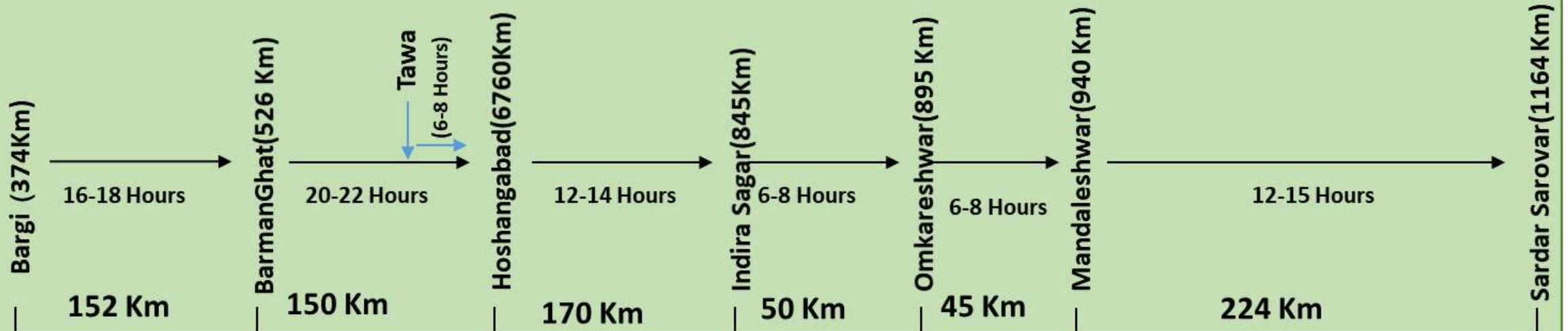
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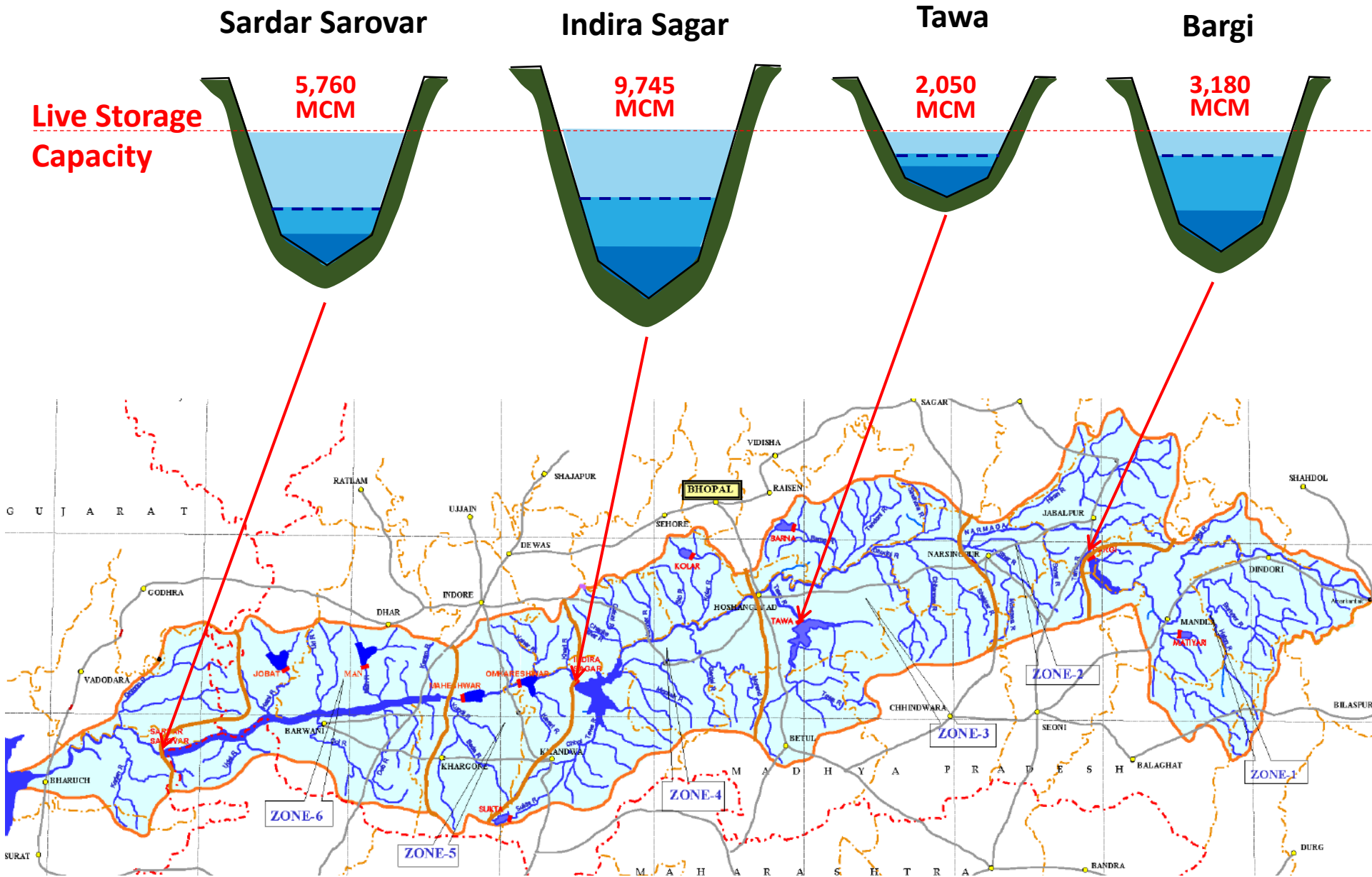
Maheshwar Dam



## Time for water flow in different reaches



# Water stored at any Dam in the Basin is sharable



# Bargi Dam on River Narmada



Spillway  
Discharge  
1.6 million  
cusec



# Tawa Dam on River Tawa (A Tributary of Narmada)

Spillway  
Discharge  
7,20,000cusec



# Indira Sagar Dam on River Narmada



Spillway  
Discharge  
2.95 million  
cusec

# Bird's eye view of Completed Dam

Reservoir Length 214 km, Average Width 1.6 km

Gross Storage Capacity 7.7 MAF, Live Storage Capacity 4.7 MAF



1.21 km Length, 163 m Height, Full Reservoir Level 138.68 m

30 Radial Gates, 23 – 60ft X 55ft, 7 60ft X 60ft

Spillway Capacity 3 million Cusec

# Sardar Sarovar Dam

Conceived by Shri Sardar Patel	1946
Foundation stone laid by late Hon'ble P. M .Shri Jawaharlal Nehru	April 1961
Referred to Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal	Oct. 1969
Tribunal Award	Dec. 1979
Construction Started	1985
Hon. Supreme Court Stay on further raising beyond 80.3 m	May 1995
Hon. Supreme Court Judgement	2000
Work Resumed	2000
Achieved Dam height of 100 Meters	July 2003



**Dam reached 121.92 m in the year 2006, 97% concrete completed**

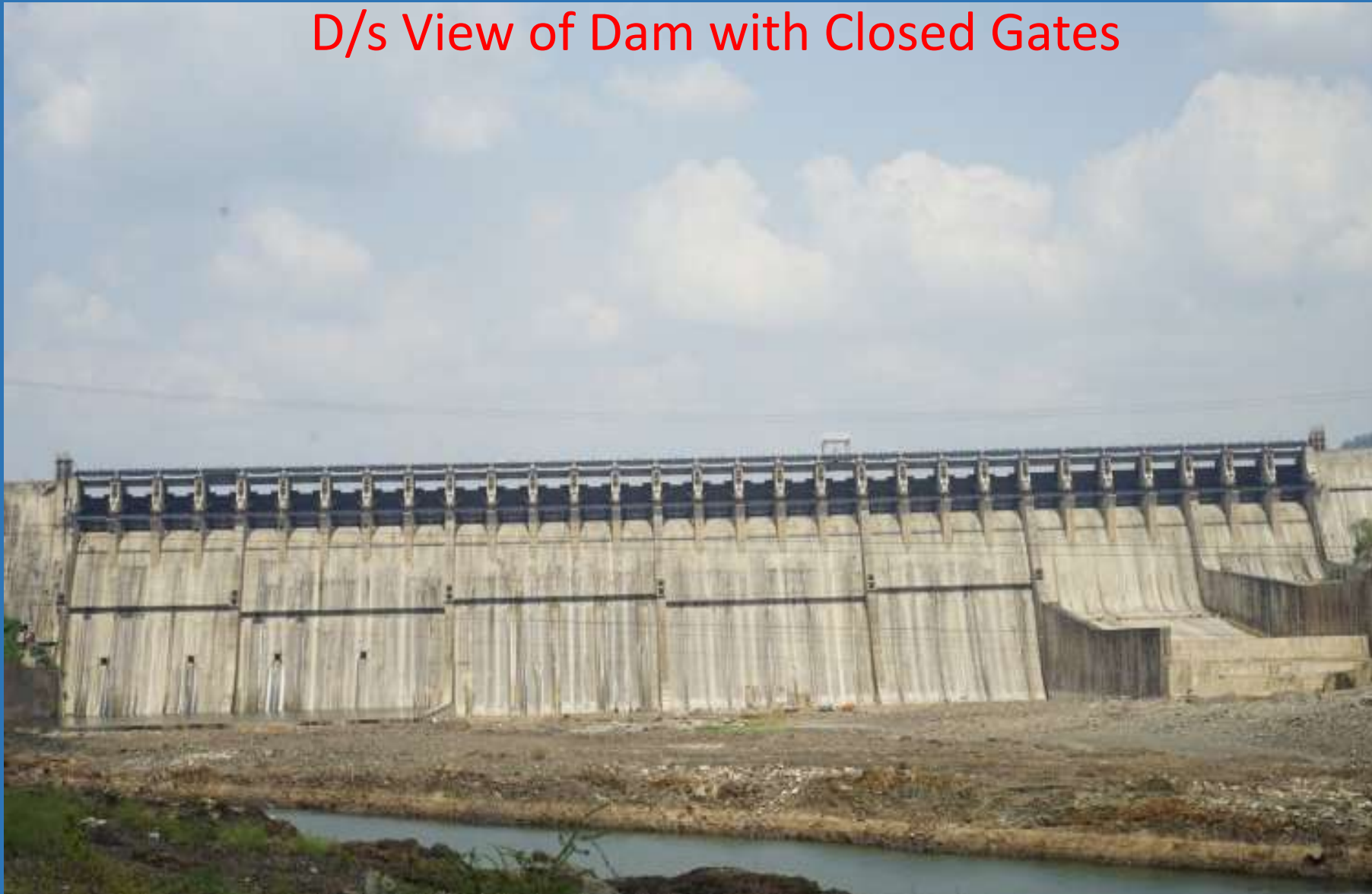
# Uncontrolled overflow over Dam body



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## D/s View of Dam with Closed Gates



# Completion of Bridge on Main Dam



# Completed Piers of Narmada Dam (Upstream View)



## Gates in Open condition (Upstream View)



## All 30 Gates in Open condition (Upstream View)

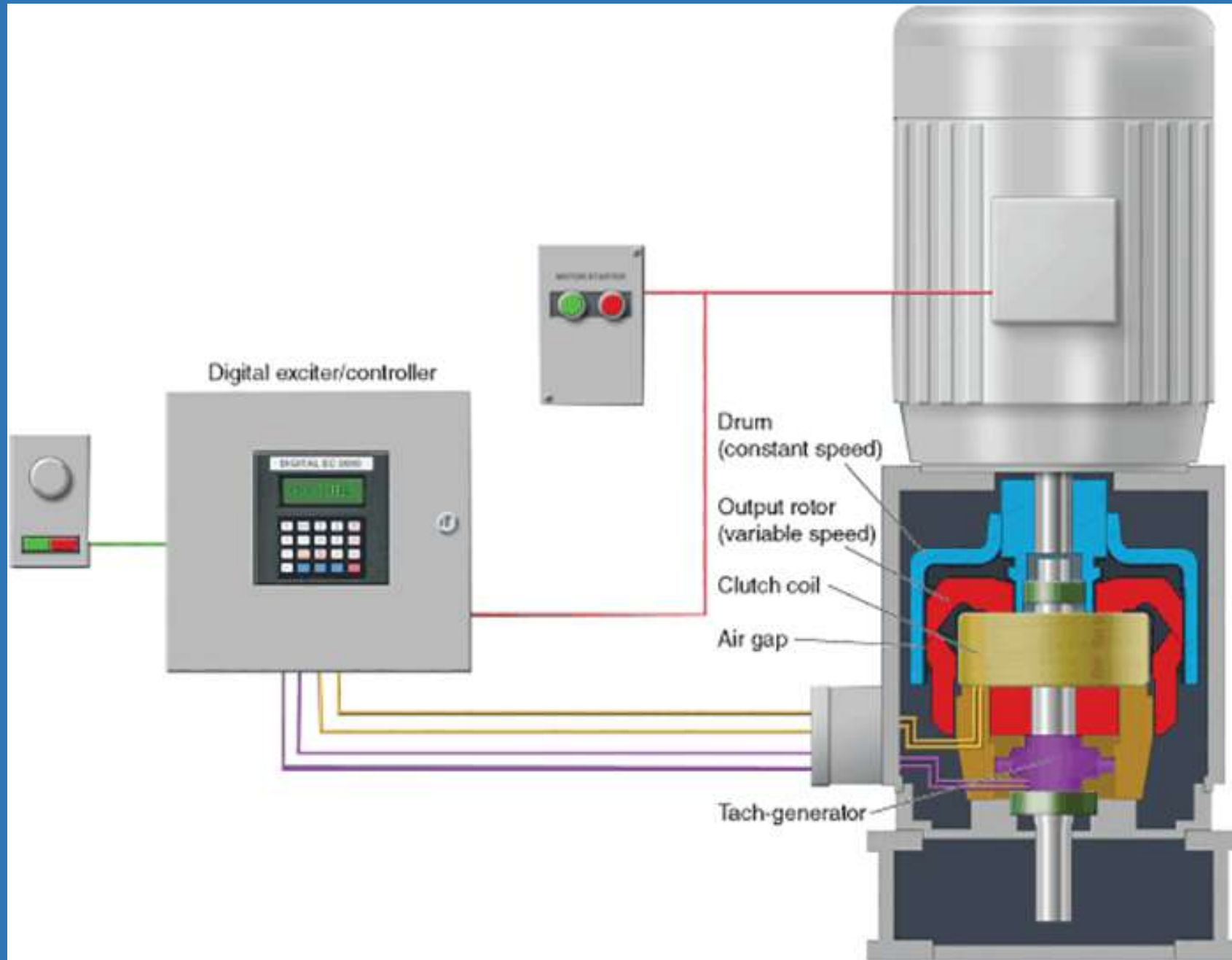


## U/s View of Dam with Closed Gates

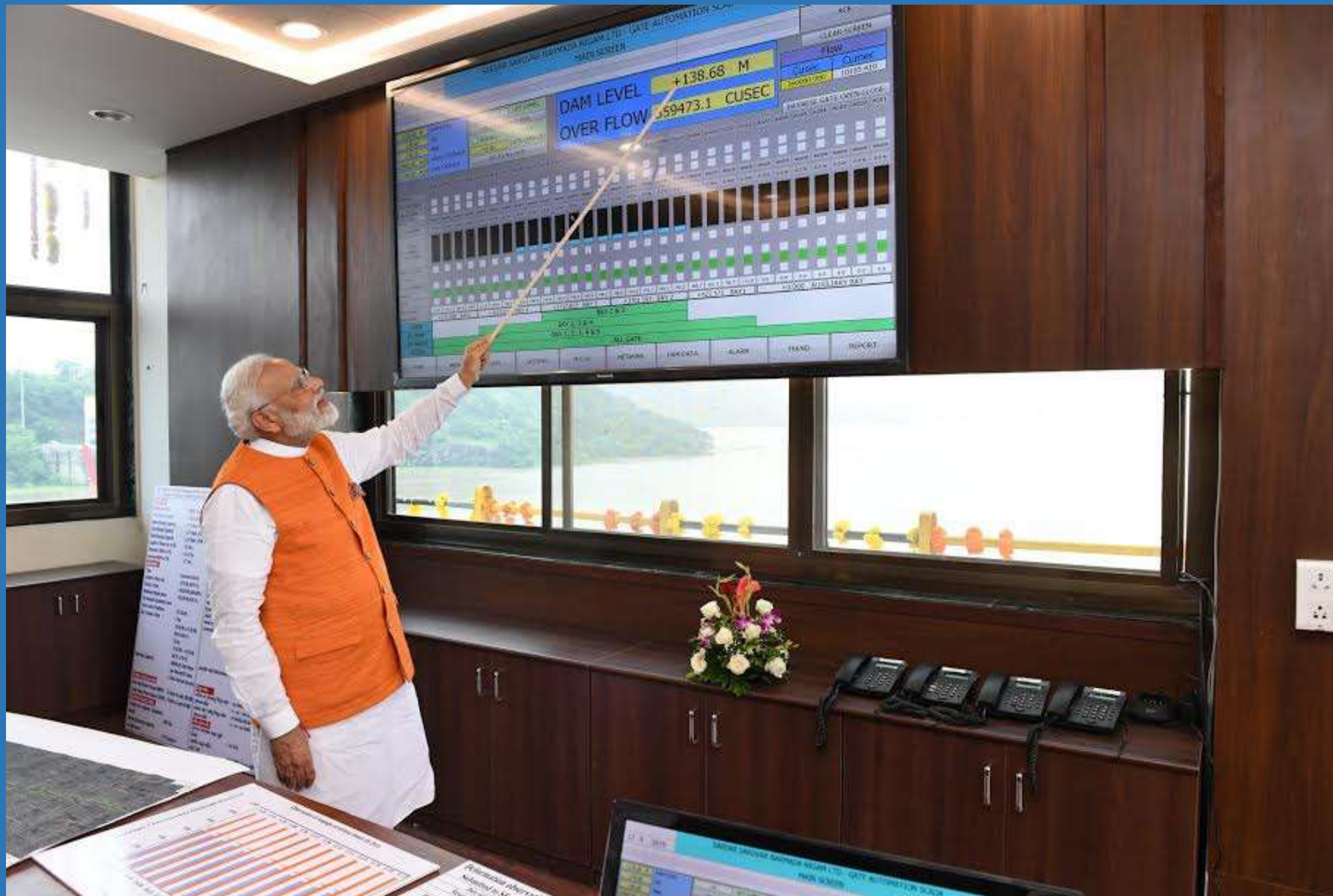


## U/s View of Electric Motors & Rope Drums





Variable Speed  
Motor and  
Eddy Current  
Drive with  
Digital  
Controller



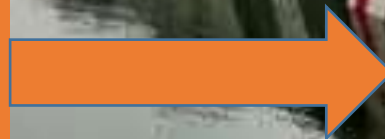
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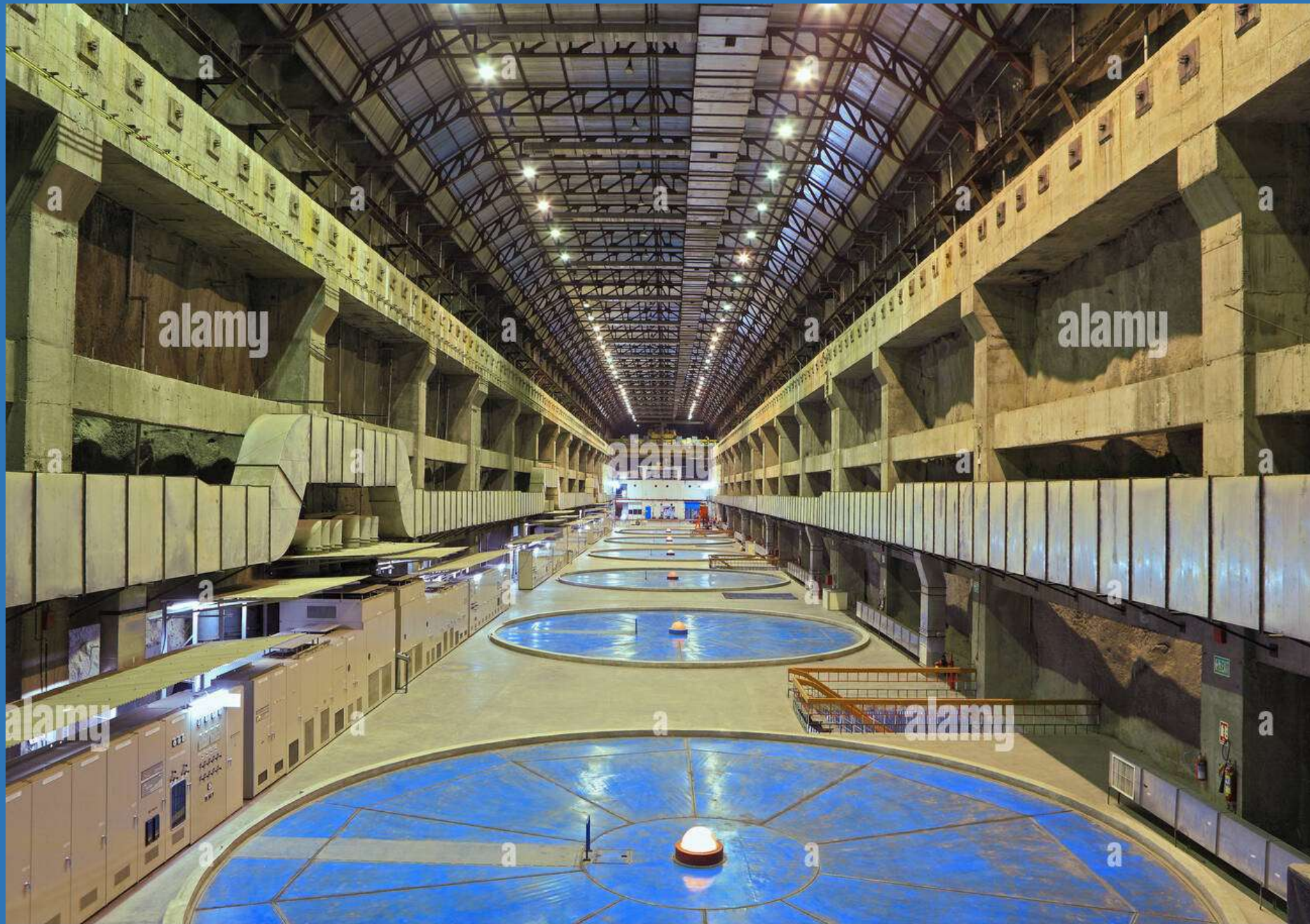
# Outlet Option I : Spillway Gates : Maximum Discharge 3 million cusec



## Outlet Option II : RBPH : Maximum Discharge 42,000 cusec

Six Penstocks for the 1200 MW  
River Bed Power House





Machine  
Hall of  
RBPH :  
Maximum  
Discharge  
@ 42,000  
cusec

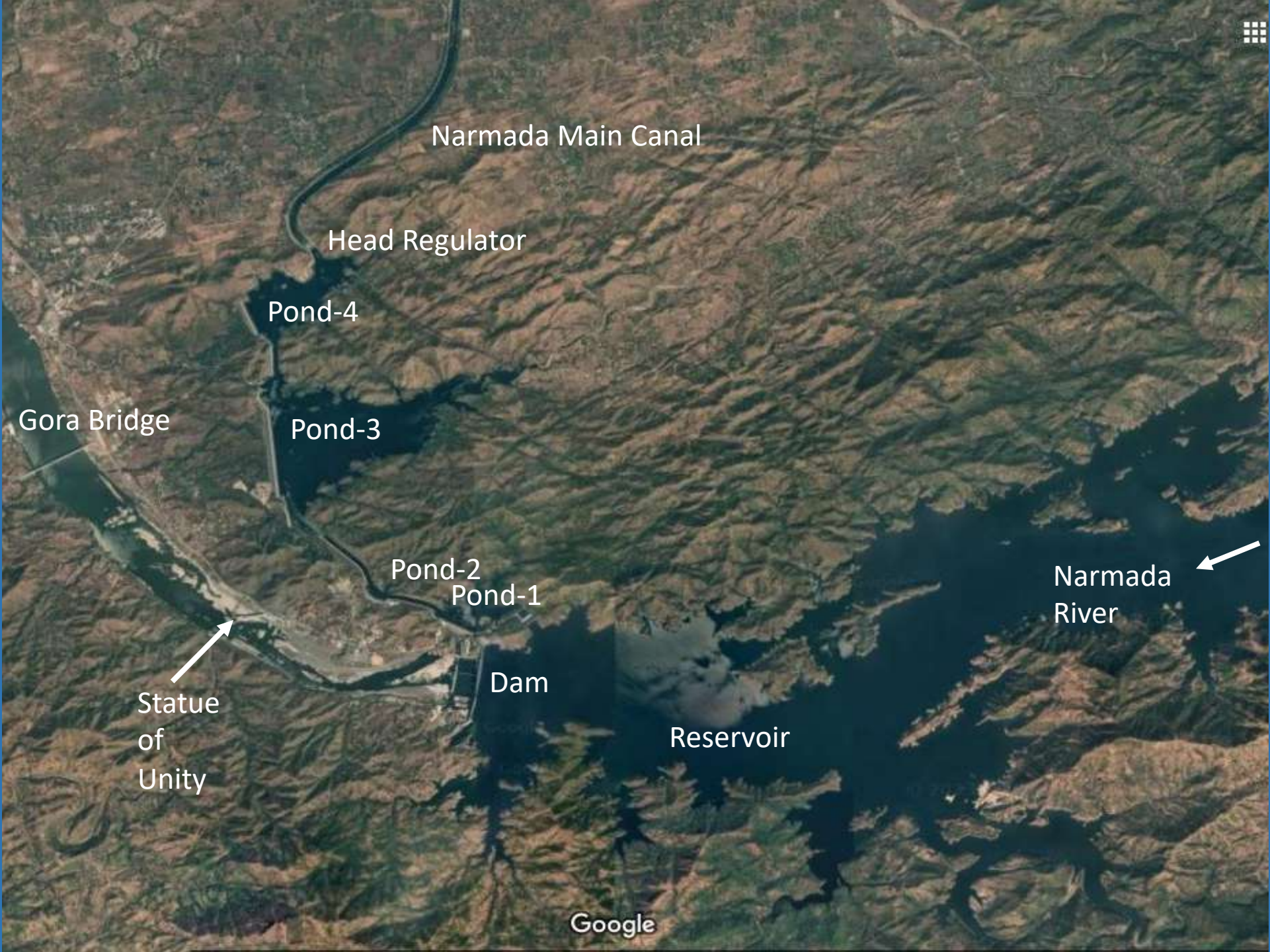
Outlet Option III : CHPH : Maxium Discharge 25,000 cusec



**CANAL HEAD  
POWER HOUSE  
(250MW)**



Geo - Physical View of The Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) Dam.



Narmada Main Canal

Head Regulator

Pond-4

Pond-3

Gora Bridge

Pond-2

Pond-1

Dam

Reservoir

Statue  
of  
Unity

Narmada  
River

Google



***Head Regulator of Narmada  
Main Canal (NMC) U/S***

***Head Regulator of Narmada  
Main Canal (NMC) D/S***



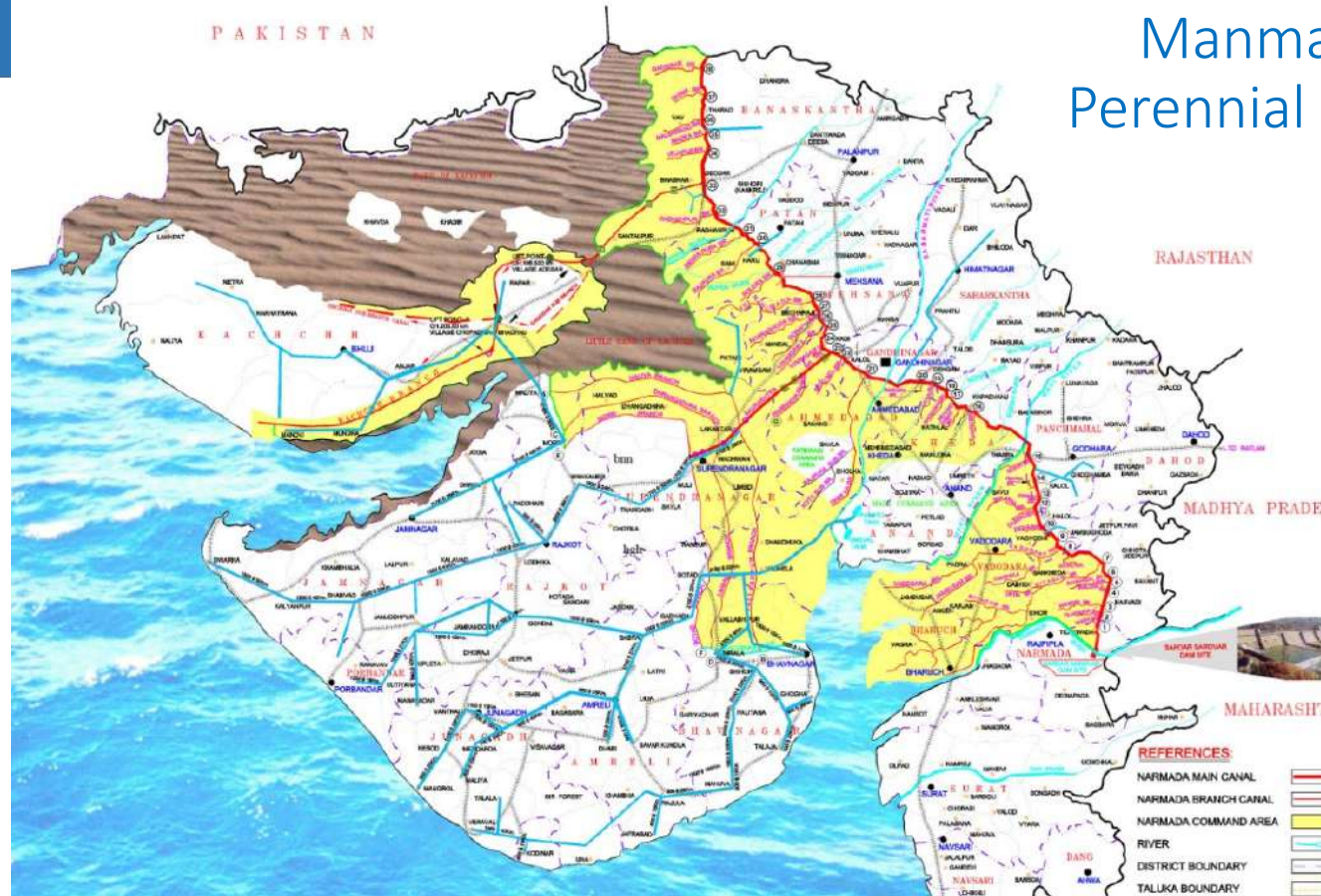
- LAYOUT DRAWING OF HEAD REGULATOR
- LAYOUT DRAWING OF PIPE TYPE HEAD REGULATOR



Maximum  
Discharge  
@ 40,000  
cusec

Conveying 11.7 billion cubic meter of water annually

# Manmade Perennial Rivers



# 603 m Long Mahi Aqueduct on Main Canal

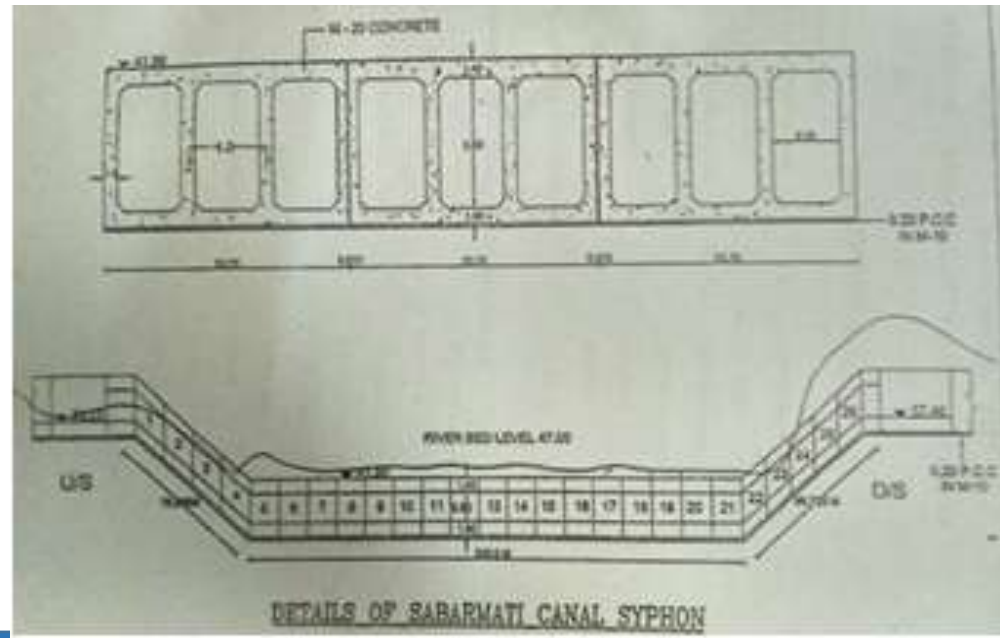
**8 nos. of RCC Barrels**

**Size of each Barrel 6.10 m X 7.60 m**



**3,87,000 cubic meter concrete, 22,904 tonne steel**

# Sabarmati Canal Syphon



# Asia's Largest Pumping Station on Saurashtra Branch

**10 Concrete Volute Pumps (7,000 cubic feet per second each)  
6 Vertical Turbine Pumps (175 cubic feet per second each)**



**Five such Pumping Stations in a series to lift  
Narmada water to Saurashtra  
(Total 71 M lift)**

# Inter-Basin Transfer of Narmada Water



## **Narmada water released in enroute rivers,**

Heran, Orsang, Karad,  
Dhadhar, Mahi,

Saidak, Mohar, Shedhi,  
Watrak, Meshwo,

Khari, Sabarmati, Rupen,  
Pushpawati,

Khari-II, Banas and  
Saraswati.

## **Benefits**

Frenchwells and Tubewells rejuvenated

Recharging of natural aquifers

Water quality of these rivers got enriched in terms of pH, Dissolved Oxygen, Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) etc.

# Outlet Option IV : IBPT : Maximum Discharge 15,000 cusec



Through CHPH after Power Generation

Directly from IBPT

Total Storage Capacity 7.75 MAF

138.68 m

Live Storage Capacity 4.75 MAF

Total Storage Capacity 4.27 MAF

EL 121.92 m

Live Storage Capacity 1.27 MAF

110.64 m

from  
CHPH

1.62 MAF

Directly  
from  
IBPT

88 m

Average River Bed EL 18 m

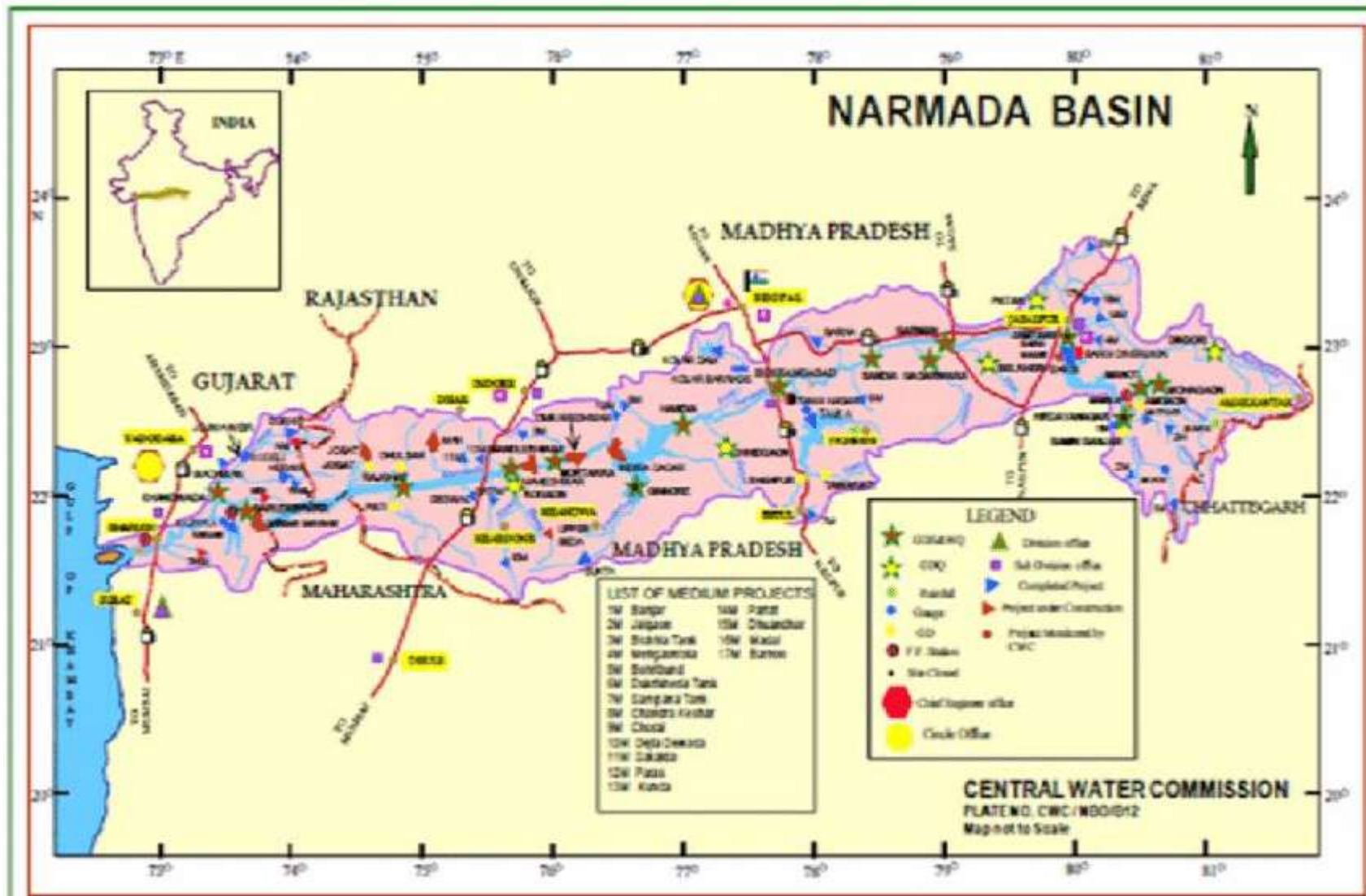
# Outlet Option V : Godbole Gates : Discharge 600 cusec



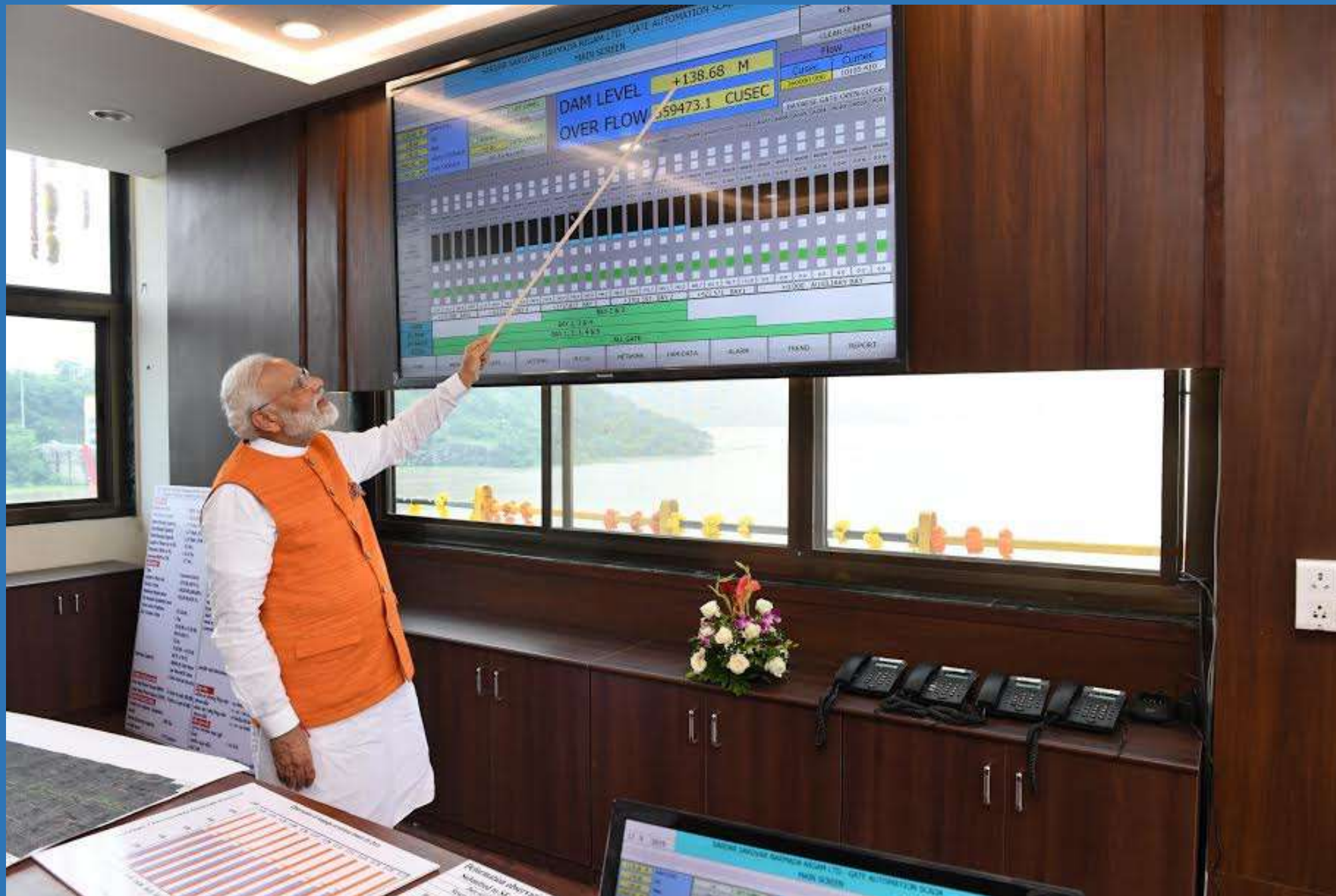


**E-Flow :  
Release  
of 600  
cusecs  
(Godbole  
Gates)**

# Implementation of RTDAS



44 Rain Gauge Stations in Upstream of Sardar Sarovar Dam



State of  
the Art  
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# Role of Cascading Reservoirs in Flood Risk Management

- » Integrated Basin approach – better for Flood Risk Mitigation, more so for Climate Change induced Flood Risks
- » Vagaries of nature and Limitations of Rain/Flood Forecasting Methods can lead to serious situations : Higher storage capacities can help reduce Flood Risks
- » On one hand, it's a question of averting potential risk and damage for millions of people & animals
- » On the other hand, we can't afford to waste precious water just to mitigate risk of flood and create water stressed conditions for the rest of the year
- » A compatible merger of Structural & Non-structural strategies needs to be adopted with WISDOM & Cooperation at the Basin Level
- » State of the art Technological Solutions can certainly help



# THANKS for THINKING

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