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- 1) While dams have played a key role in fostering development in India, a badly maintained, unsafe dam can be hazardous. In this context, discuss how far the recent Dam Safety Bill, 2018 would help in standardizing and improving dam safety in India and also discuss anomalies if any.

India has large number of dams and ranks third after USA and China in the number of large dams. Dams play important in agricultural growth and development there is a need for a uniform law and administrative structure in the country for ensuring dam safety.

The provisions of the Dam Safety Bill, 2018 will empower the dam safety institutional set-ups in both the centre and state and address all issues concerning dam safety including regular inspection of dams, Emergency Action plan, comprehensive dam safety review, adequate repair and maintenance funds for

dam safety, Instrumentation and Safety Manuals.  
It lays the onus of dam safety on the dam owner  
and provides for penal provisions for commission and  
omission of certain acts.

Some state concern that some clauses  
contains in the proposed draft Dam Safety Bill, 2018  
will violate the right of that state. ~~right~~ So Central  
government should concern with state government and  
their views before legislation on Dam Safety Bill, 2018.