

such proposal is under consideration at present.

(c) and (d) A letter was received from a former Member of Parliament in July, 1991 that the Police Commissioner system in Delhi should be abolished as with its introduction there had been an increase in crime. The letter also stated that the Police Commissioner system conferred unlimited powers on the police which had resulted in corruption.

[Translation]

Life Span of Big Reservoirs

4045 SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the life span of the big reservoirs including the Rihand Dam assessed at the time of their construction, reservoir-wise;

(b) whether the life span of those reservoirs has decreased considerably due to the deposit of excessive silt

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(c) if so, the reasons for the deposit of excessive silt in the said reservoirs; and

(d) the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The major reservoirs in the country have been planned for a life of 100 years. Silting of reservoirs is a natural phenomenon and provisions are made in the capacity of the reservoir for accommodating the silt. In respect of Rihand Dam unexpectedly high loss in the storage due to siltation has not been reported. In other dams also, where siltation has been reported, generally the loss in storage due to siltation has not been unduly high. The life expectancy of some of the major reservoirs in the country has been assessed as follows:—

Name of Dam/Reservoir	Estimated life of Reservoirs	% of capacity lost	
		Live Storage	Period
1. Mathon (Bihar)	246 Years	14.0	24 Years(1955—79)
2. Pong (Himachal Pradesh)	100 years	3.35	12 years(1974—86)
3. Tungbhadra (Karnataka)	200-300 Years	14.84	32 Years(1953—85)
4. Gandhi Sagar (Madhya Pradesh)	100 Years	2.3	16 Years(1960—76)
5. Gorna (Maharashtra)	100 Years	7.2	14 Years(1965—79)
6. Hirakud (Orissa)	400 Years	14.5	27 Years(1957—84)
7. Bhakra (Punjab)	180 Years	5.78	29 Years(1957—87)

(c) and (d) The rate of siltation depends upon the factors like storage capacity of the reservoir in proportion to the annual-flow of water, physiographical features, climate and the land use pattern in reservoirs catchment areas. Afforestation works, water-shed management projects and soil conservation measures in the catchment areas are taken up by the State Government to reduce the silt flow.

[English]

Misuse of Dish Antennas

4046. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI:

SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the dish antennas for reviewing of foreign programmes are being misused; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government have taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The operating licences to establish, maintain or work the dish