

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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WATER CRISIS IN RESERVOIRS

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the water stored/conserved in various reservoirs of the country during the current year is lower than the average quantity of water stored in the reservoirs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor indicating the reservoirs having lower than average water stored therein, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the water crisis does not aggravate in such areas?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Central Water Commission (CWC) monitors the storage position of 81 important reservoirs in the Country on weekly basis. As per their record, at the end of Monsoon Session i.e on 30.9.2007, the total live storage in these reservoirs was 124.152 Billion Cubic Meters (BCM) which was 124 % of the last 10 years average live storage of these reservoirs. Thus at the end of Monsoon Session over all storage position in these reservoirs was better than the average storage. However out of these 81 reservoirs, 12 reservoirs had live storage less than the last 10 years average live storage. The details of these reservoirs is given at Annexure. The storage in the reservoirs depends upon the rainfall in the catchment and water utilized from the reservoir.

(c) Water being a State subject, the responsibility of survey and investigation, planning development funding, execution and management of all type of water resources projects & reservoirs to harness the water resources within the States rests with the concerned State Governments.

To over come the scarcity situation in future, Government of India is promoting the strategies for optimization of water use efficiency, water conservation and conjunctive use of surface and ground water.