

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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EXCESS RELEASE OF WATER FROM DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the level of water in large dams is monitored by the Government on daily basis;
- (b) if so, whether the Government failed to make correct assessment regarding the presence of excess water in these dams and later released huge quantities leading to flooding in many areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the average and optimum level of water in Tehri Dam during the last six months?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Central Water Commission (CWC) is collecting water level and live storage status of 81 important reservoirs across the country on daily basis through different agencies including CWC field units. This data is being used for issuing weekly Reservoir bulletin. The monitoring, operation and regulation of the water level in all the dams/reservoirs including large dams comes under the purview of the respective project authorities/State Governments.

- (d)
(i) Average level of water in Tehri Dam during the last six months as reported by the project authority are as under:-

Month	Average Level (m)
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April 08	751.98
May, 08	743.95
June, 08	752.78
July, 08	778.98
August, 08	803.70
September, 08	816.15

Average of six months 774.59

- (ii) The Maximum Design level of water in Tehri Dam Reservoir is 830m. However, the Government of Uttarakhand has given clearance to fill the reservoir only upto the level of 820m.