

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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QUANTUM OF AVAILABLE WATER FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of average quantity of water available in the rivers of the country for the irrigation projects;
- (b) whether the water level in these rivers is declining gradually every year;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken/proposed to taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) The average annual water availability in the country has been assessed to be about 1869 billion cubic meter (BCM). It is estimated that owing to topographic, hydrological and other constraints about 1123 BCM can be utilized for various purposes including irrigation. Basin wise details of available water is annexed.

(b) The water levels at various sites in the river vary from time to time depending on the flow resulting from rain and snowmelt etc. The water level data do not indicate any specific declining trend.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.