

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WATER RESERVOIRS IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are huge reservoirs in the country to store water of basins of major rivers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present water storage capacity of each of these major reservoirs in comparison to the water available in the basins;
- (c) the scope to enhance storage capacity of reservoir of each river basin; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (d) Storage capacity of about 225 billion cubic metre (BCM) has been created so far. As per present assessment, the total estimated storage capacity of the various projects under construction is about 64 BCM. Further, the State Governments have identified various other schemes for investigation and planning and the estimated storage for such schemes is about 108 BCM. The details in respect of average annual water availability, the created storage capacity and the storage capacity of the projects under construction in respect of various river basin/group of river basins are annexed.