

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CAPACITY OF RESERVOIRS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Water Commission has been monitoring the storage position of various important reservoirs spread all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details of storage level of each of these reservoirs at the beginning of the current monsoon against the designed capacity, reservoir-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has made any scheme for the optimum utilisation of the water in these reservoirs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which irrigation and hydro power sectors have utilized resources from these reservoirs?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring the storage position of 81 reservoirs of the country. The details of live storage in each of these 81 reservoirs at the beginning of the current monsoon season (1st June 2011) against their designed live storage capacity is given at Annexure.

(c) & (d) Water being a state subject, the operation and regulation of water in dams/reservoirs is done by respective project authority/State Government as per their requirement.

(e) The extent to which irrigation and hydropower sectors utilise water from these reservoirs depends on rainfall and varies from year to year. However the irrigation and hydropower benefits envisaged from these 81 reservoirs are given at Annexure