

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CAPACITY OF RESERVOIRS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing number of major reservoirs in the country at present, Statewise;
- (b) whether the water level in the reservoirs in the country including Maharashtra has been receding;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether water level in the Indus basin has been consistently receding for the last ten years; and
- (e) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to tackle this alarming situation?

Answer

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

(a) CWC is monitoring water storage status of 81 important reservoirs in the country- 14 in Karnataka, 11 in Maharashtra, 8 in Gujarat, 7 in Orissa, 6 in Tamil Nadu, 5 each in Andhra Pradesh Jharkhand, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh, 3 in Rajasthan, 2 each in Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal and one each in Punjab and Tripura.

(b) & (c) As informed by CWC, the live storage of the 81 reservoirs as on 18.8.2011 was 101.538 billion cubic metres as against 74 billion cubic metres of last year's storage and 77.811 billion cubic metres of last ten years average storage.

(d) & (e) As informed by CWC, the storage status of reservoirs in Indus basin as at the end of September for the last 10 years from 2001 to 2010 was 9.42, 8.028, 10.185, 5.781, 13.893, 13.704, 10.269, 13.582, 7.328 and 14.177 billion cubic metres respectively.