

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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STORAGE OF WATER

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are arrangements for storage of 213 billion cubic meters of water in the country at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing storage capacity is far less as compared to the availability of water through rain and the rivers;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the percentage of the storage capacity viz-a-viz the total availability of water?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per available information, storage capacity of about 253 billion cubic meters (BCM) has been created in the country so far. The state wise details of storage created is annexed.

The total estimated storage capacity of the various projects under construction is about 51 BCM. Further, the State Governments have identified various other schemes for investigation and planning and the estimated storage for such schemes is about 110 BCM.

(c) to (e) Yes, Madam. The existing storage capacity is 253 BCM which is 13.54% of the average annual availability of water, assessed to be 1869 BCM.

The Government undertakes measures for increasing storages through construction of dams, restoration of water bodies, rainwater harvesting, artificial recharge to groundwater, etc.