

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3571
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SILT IN HARIKE
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that water storage capacity of `Harike` has reduced to a great extent due to silting and fluctuation in water supply arising out of this cannot be controlled for long time;
- (b) if so, whether the Government of Punjab has formulated any scheme to restore its storage capacity; and
- (c) if so, the cost thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) As informed by the Government of Punjab, the original storage capacity of Harike Head works has been reduced from 67900 acre feet to 9173 acre feet due to siltation, vegetation etc.
- (b) The Government of Punjab has further informed that the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab has cleared the purchase of dredger and barge for restoring the storage capacity.
- (c) The State Government has further informed that the total immediate cost involved for said work is about Rs. 50.00 crore.