

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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DECREASING WATER LEVEL OF DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that in many dams the water level is decreasing;
- (b) if so, the dams surveyed in this regard; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Central Water Commission is monitoring on weekly basis, live storage status of 82 reservoirs spread across the country having total live storage capacity of 153.334 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM).

At the end of September, 2011, the combined live storage of 81 reservoirs being monitored at that time, with a total live storage capacity of 151.768 BCM was 131.076 BCM which was 126% of average of last ten years.

The storage status of these 81 reservoirs at the end of September, 2009, September, 2010 and September, 2011 is given in the following table.

Period	30th September, 2009	30th September, 2010	30th September, 2011
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Combined live Storage (BCM)	89.835	115.227	131.076
Percentage			

Storage with respect to total live storage capacity	59.2	75.9	84
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The above data does not show any declining trend.

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