

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:367
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FULL RESERVOIR LEVEL IN DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bhakhra and Pong Dams are not filled upto Full Reservoir Level (FRL);
- (b) if so, whether by using latest technology, proper planning and weather forecast, these dams can be filled upto FRL;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to direct Bhakhra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to conduct study on keeping dams empty; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) & (c) Use of latest technology to forecast snow fall and rainfall, monitoring water levels in dams and operate canal networks, on real-time basis, will help in better management of available water in the efforts to fill reservoirs upto Full Reservoir Level(FRL).
- (d) & (e) The Bhakra Beas Management Board is already implementing Hydrology Project II to improve the operational planning and management of Bhakra and Pong Reservoirs for optimum utilization of available water resources.