

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1003  
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2012  
DEPLETION OF WATER LEVEL IN JHARKHAND  
Bhagat Shri Sudarshan

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether water level in Jharkhand has depleted drastically during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether most of the rivers of Gumla and Lohardagga districts in Jharkhand State have dried up;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) 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) As per water level data collected in Jharkhand state, decline in ground water levels has been registered in 62 % of wells analysed during Pre-monsoon (May), 2011 as compared to that of Pre-monsoon, 2010. Most of the wells have registered decline in the range of 0 to 2 metres. District wise details of water level fluctuation and frequency distribution of different ranges from May, 2010 to May, 2011 in the state are given in Annexure I.
- (c) Ministry of Water Resources is maintaining the Jaraikela site in Sundergarh District on Koel river at the downstream of Lohardaga and Gumla Districts. Analysis of available hydrological data of Koel river at the downstream of Lohardagga and Gumla districts does not show any decrease in observed water level.
- (d) In view of above, question does not arise.
- (e) In view of (c) above, there is no need to take any action.