

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1139
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. DECREASE IN WATER LEVEL OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water level of rivers in the country is decreasing;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering to raise water level of rivers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Some reduction in flow has been observed in downstream of storages on various rivers wherever water is being diverted for drinking and irrigation purposes. However, as per the data analysed by Central Water Commission (CWC), the observed data of average water availability in major rivers before 1985 and after 1985, no trend could be established regarding reduction in average water availability in the river basin.