

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2002
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2012
WATER LEVEL OF BHAKRA
Rao Shri Kavuri Samba Siva

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water level of Bhakra Reservoir was 60-70 feet less in June-July, 2012 than during the same period in 2011; and
- (b) if so, the impact on the next Rabi Crop that is wheat and sowing of Kharif Crop in North India?

Answer

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

- (a) As informed by the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) Bhakra reservoir level was about 60 feet lower in June-July 2012 as compared to corresponding period in the year 2011 due to deficient rainfall.
- (b) Filling season of the dam is not yet over. Impact, if any, on the next Rabi Crop that is wheat and sowing of Kharif Crop will depend on the availability of final storage in the Reservoir.