

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering any measures to reduce the impact of floods on certain rivarian areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government is considering to construct large scale reservoirs to store flood waters for future irrigation use or planned diversion of the flood waters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) The subject of flood management falls within the purview of the States. Accordingly, the schemes of flood control are planned, investigated, formulated and executed by the concerned State Governments as per their own priorities. The role of the Union Government is technical, advisory, catalytic and promotional in nature. Besides the measures undertaken by the various State Governments to reduce impacts of floods in riverine areas from their own resources, the Government of India is also providing central assistance Flood Management Programme to various State Governments to enable them to undertake the works related to river management, anti erosion, flood control, drainage development, flood proofing, flood control programme, damaged flood management works and anti-sea erosion. Under Flood Management Programme, the Central Assistance of Rs.3566 crore was released to various States during XI Plan upto 31st March, 2012.

(c) & (d) The activity of construction of large scale reservoirs is performed by the concerned State Governments or the Project Authorities. As per the data base maintained by Central Water Commission, a total of 4728 large dams have been constructed and 397 large dams are under construction. The objectives of these dams include the benefit of flood mitigation and irrigation.