

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:288
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2012
AUGMENTATION OF WATER STORAGE CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the present water storage capacity is sufficient to meet the requirement of the water consumption in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any targets to augment the water storage capacity in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the schemes formulated by the Government to achieve the said target?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. +288 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2012 REGARDING AUGMENTATION OF WATER STORAGE CAPACITY.

(a) & (b): National Commission on Integrated Water Resources Development (1999) had projected the requirement of surface water for various purposes as 458 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) for the year 2010. This requirement is met through created storages of 253.4 BCM and supplemented by the diversion structures such as barrages, weirs and minor surface schemes. More storages are, however, required to be constructed in order to meet the future demand.

(c) to (e): Though, the Central Government has not fixed any targets to augment the water storage capacity in the country, measures like construction of dams, check dams and farm ponds are taken up by the State Governments for increasing the storage capacity. Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments by rendering technical and financial assistance to programmes like Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme and Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies. Emphasis has also been given in the Draft National Water Policy (2012) for increasing water storage capacity by way of construction of ponds, small and large reservoirs and construction of water resources projects, including hydro-power projects, as multi-purpose projects with provision of storage.