

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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DECREASE IN LEVEL OF DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water level of major dams is constantly receding as per a report of the water commission released recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the status of water in the major dams during the last three years;
- (d) whether any action plan is being prepared by the Government in view of the receding water levels of the dams; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) As informed by Central Water Commission (CWC) which monitors live storage status of 84 reservoirs spread across the country on weekly basis and issues weekly storage bulletin, the water levels in reservoirs usually start receding after monsoon due to use of water for various purposes by the reservoir owners. As per the reservoir bulletin issued on 06.12.2012, the total live available storage is 98.857 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) against full reservoir level capacity of 154.421 BCM. This is 91% of the last year's storage and 106% of the last ten years' storage of these reservoirs.

(c) The detail of 84 reservoirs being monitored by CWC indicating live storages available as on September 30, for the years 2009 to 2012 is given at Annexure.

(d) & (e) Water being state subject, utilization of available water for various purposes is within the purview of respective State Governments. However, the Ministry of Water Resources reviews storage available in reservoirs and where necessary, issues Advisory to all the State Governments to make judicious use of water.