

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3960  
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FULL RESERVOIR LEVEL  
Meghwal Shri Bharat Ram

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

- (a) whether Bhakra and Pong dams are not being filled upto Full Reservoir Level (FRL);
- (b) if so, whether the dams can be filled upto the FRL with the use of the latest technology, proper planning and weather forecast technique;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to give directions to Bhakra-Beas Management Board (BBMB) for conducting study in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) As informed by the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), Bhakra and Pong Reservoirs earlier used to be filled up to 1685 feet and 1400 feet respectively. After the devastating floods during 1988, in accordance with the decision taken in the 138th and 139th meetings of BBMB, the reservoirs are since filled up to a level of 1680 and 1390 feet respectively only.
- (b) As further informed by BBMB, Real Time Decision Support System can enable to monitor the water levels in dams on real time basis.
- (c) & (d) BBMB has further informed that it has taken up World Bank aided Hydrology Project Phase-II at a cost of Rs.37 Crores and is engaged in the development of a Real Time Decision Support System (RTDSS).