

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5749
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2013
SARDAR SAROVAR DAM
Jardosh Smt. Darshana Vikram

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the present height of the Sardar Sarovar dam and the approximate quantum of water in thousand million cubic feet overflow from the dam owing to its lesser height during the last year;
- (b) whether the Government of Gujarat has made any demand for increasing the height of the dam and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which this demand is likely to be fulfilled?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) The present height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam upto crest level i.e. EL 121.92 metres and the quantum of water over flown from the dam during last year is 542.41 Thousand Million Cubic Feet (15361.44 Million Cubic Metre).

(b) Yes Madam, the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to the Narmada Control Authority (NCA) vide letter, dated 02.08.2008 for granting the permission for the construction of piers and overhead bridge.

(c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the majority judgements dated 18.10.2000 laid down the procedure to be followed by NCA for giving permission to raise Dam height beyond 90.00 m.

In Compliance with directions in the above judgement, further raising of the height will be only pari passu with the implementation of the relief and Rehabilitation and on the clearance by the Relief and Rehabilitation Sub-Group and Environmental Sub-Group.

Accordingly, the permission to raise the Dam height beyond 90 metres is given by NCA, from time to time, after it obtains the clearances from the relief and Rehabilitation Sub-group and the Environment Sub-Group.