GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WATER RESOURCES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2086 ANSWERED ON:22.08.2013 OVERFLOW OF DAMS Bauri Smt. Susmita;Putul Kumari Smt.

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any information regarding overflow of dams due to heavy rains in some parts of the country during the current monsoon season;

(b) if so, the details of dams and the adjacent areas which have been affected due to overflow and the measures taken for safety of those dams, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether laxity in safe guarding the dams has been reported particularly when assessment/apprehensions were made in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Overflow of dams during the monsoon is physically possible and usually spillway is designed and provided to regulate flood discharge as safely as possible. 'Water' being a State subject as per entry 17 of seventh Schedule (List-II) of Constitution, operation and maintenance of dams including measures for safety of dams lies with respective state Governments.

Water Management Directorate of the Central Water Commission monitors live storage status of 85 important reservoirs of the country on weekly basis and issues reservoir bulletin. As per reservoir bulletin of 16.08.2013, the following are the reservoirs in which water level has reached FRL or has crossed the FRL.

Sl.No. State Name of the FRL Date of which latest Water level reservoir (in meters) data is available in maters
1 Gujarat Sardar Sarovar 121.92 16.08.2013 124.42 (spillway level)
2 Karnataka Krishnaraja Sagar 752.50 16.08.2013 752.50
3 Karnataka Tungabhadra 497.74 16.08.2013 497.74
4 Karnataka Almatti 519.60 16.08.2013 519.60
5 Kerala Idmalyar 169.00 16.08.2013 169.22
6. Maharashtra Koyna 657.90 14.08.2013 657.94
7. Maharashtra Khadakwasla 582.47 14.08.2013 582.47

8. Rajasthan Mahi Bajaj Sagar 280.75 14.08.2013 281.30

10. Tamil Nadu Sholayar 1002.79 16.08.2013 1002.99

(c) No laxity in safeguarding the dams during current monsoon season has been reported to the Ministry of Water resources.