

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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FALL IN RESERVOIR LEVEL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the water level in the major reservoirs in various parts of the country during the current year as compared to each of the last three years, reservoir-wise;
- (b) whether the reasons for rise/fall in the water level of reservoirs have been identified;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) Central Water Commission (CWC) monitors live storage status of 85 important reservoirs of the country on weekly basis. The details of the water level in the major reservoirs in various parts of the country during the current year (as on 22.08.2103) and in each of the last three years is given at Annexure .
- (b) & (c) The main reasons for rise in reservoir level are rainfall and snow melt in the catchment area, regenerated flow etc. The water level generally falls due to use of water for various purposes, evaporation/leakage of water from reservoirs etc.
- (d) Water is a subject in the State List at Entry 17 of List II in 7th Schedule of the Constitution and hence, reservoir regulation, optimizing various water uses as per their own priorities lies with the State Governments.