

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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STORAGE FOR FLOODS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether more water storage facilities are needed to check floods like the one that happened in mid June last year in Uttarakhand;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the committee set up by the Government in this regard has submitted its report;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on the recommendations of the committee?

Answer

THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)and (b) Yes, Madam. Reservoirs can moderate the intensity and the timing of the incoming flood. They store the water during the period of high discharges in the rivers and release it after the critical high flow situation is over. In India 4839 large dams / reservoirs with live storage capacity of 253 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) have been constructed so far and another 348 large dams with live storage capacity of 58 BCM are under various stages of construction.

(c)and (d) Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Water Resources had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) to find the causes for severe destruction in Uttarakhand due to flood and erosion during June, 2013. The Committee has submitted its report with specific recommendations inter-alia on the need for the storage projects for flood management. The report of the above Committee has been forwarded to the Government of Uttarakhand for implementation.

(e) Flood Management is a State subject for which appropriate schemes are formulated and implemented by the concerned State Government as per the priority within the State.