GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a fall in the water levels in the reservoirs due to weak monsoon;

(b) if so, the details of the reservoirs along with their locations and storage capacities as compared to 2009 levels;

(c) whether water is being discharged into the sea and going waste, resulting in drop in storage capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in coordination with the States to improve water levels in reservoirs/water bodies?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Central Water Commission monitors live storage status of 85 reservoirs in the country on weekly basis and issues Weekly Reservoir Bulletin normally on every Thursday.

As on 30.09.2009 i.e., at the end of monsoon-2009, the live storage available in these reservoirs was 90.789 BCM which was 60% of the live storage capacity of these reservoirs. As on 30.09.2013, the live storage available in these reservoirs was 126.762 BCM which was 82% of live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The storage of 2013 at the end of monsoon was much better than corresponding period of the year 2009.

There are, however 16 reservoirs in which storage at the end of monsoon was lesser than corresponding period of year 2009. The detail of these reservoirs is annexed.

(c)&(d) Water released from reservoirs is regulated for specific purposes like irrigation. power generation etc and is not a waste.

(e) Water is a state subject in the State List at entry number 17 of List-II in Seventh Schedule of the Constitution and reservoir operation/maintenance is in the ambit of the State Governments. Ministry of Water Resources issues only advisories for judicious use of available water in the reservoirs in case of scarcity conditions.