

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3273  
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WORLD BANK REPORT ON BAGLIHAR DAM  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Swiss expert appointed by the World Bank had submitted his report on Baglihar Dam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Pakistan had succeeded in reducing the height of the Baglihar Dam;
- (d) if so, the details of the height so fixed; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government to utilize the optimum capacity of Baglihar Dam?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the request of Government of Pakistan for the Expert Determination of its Points of Difference on the design of Baglihar Hydroelectric Plant relating to its spillways, freeboard, pondage and intake level, the World Bank appointed Professor Raymond Lafitte from Switzerland as the Neutral Expert. He gave his Expert Determination on 12.02.07.

(c) & (d) The Neutral Expert in his Expert Determination provided for a freeboard of 3 meters (m) above the Full Pondage Level of water in the dam as against 4.5 m designed by India and 0.84 m calculated by Pakistan, leading to crest level of 843 m above mean sea level as against 844.5 m. However, there was no change in the Full Pond Level of water in the dam.

(e) The Project is under the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir. Stage-I of Baglihar project is already commissioned with an installed capacity of 450 mega watt (MW). The State Government is also planning Stage-II of the project of another 450 MW, keeping in view the optimal utilization of the Dam.