

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION  
LOK SABHA**

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FULL RESERVOIR LEVEL OF DAMS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has fixed Full Reservoirs Level (FRL) for the various dams in the country particularly Bhakra and Pong dams;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the mechanism laid down by the Government to ensure that norms fixed in this regard are complied by the respective dam Boards;
- (d) whether any dam not fulfilling the aforesaid criteria has been reported to the Government;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including action taken thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION  
(PROF.SANWARLAL JAT)

(a)to(b) The Full Reservoirs Level (FRL) of the dams are fixed by the State Governments/Project authorities at project formulation stage depending upon various factors which inter-alia include water availability, water requirements, topography etc. The designed Full Reservoirs Level (FRL) of Bhakra and Pong Dams are 1685 ft and 1400 ft respectively. After the devastating floods during the year 1988, the maximum level at Bhakra and Pong reservoirs has been reduced to 1680 ft and 1390 ft respectively for storage purposes.

(c)to(e) The norms in this regard are fixed and followed by respective State Governments/Project Authorities.