

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

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STORAGE OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether water storage in water bodies is likely to fall this year in the country in comparison to the last year due to low rainfall forecast;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the volume of water stored in the water bodies during the last three monsoon seasons; and
- (c) the maximum capacity of these water bodies for water storage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE). (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) The Central Water Commission monitors live storage of 85 reservoirs, having a total live storage capacity of 155.05 BCM. As per reservoir bulletin of 17.7.2014, the live storage available in these reservoirs was 39.995 BCM, which was 26% of the total live storage available in these reservoirs at FRL. The storage available during corresponding period of last year was 65.734 BCM which was 42% of live storage capacity of these reservoirs. Thus, storage available at present is lesser than the storage of corresponding period of last year due to less rainfall so far during this year. However, the situation is expected to improve with more rains.
- (b) & (c) The live storage that was available in these 85 reservoirs as on 31st May and 1st October for last three years is given in the Annexure.