

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2324  
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2014  
SILT IN TUNGABHADRA RESERVOIR  
Sreeramulu Shri B.

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

- (a) whether the capacity of Tungabhadra reservoir has drastically reduced due to depositing of enormous amount of silt in the reservoir;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is taking any steps to desilt the Tungabhadra reservoir to enhance its capacity; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Tungabhadra Board has informed that live storage capacity of Tungabhadra reservoir has reduced due to deposition of silt from 131.312 Thousand Million Cubic Feet (TMC) in 1953 to 100.855 TMC in 2008, i.e., about 23% reduction in a time of 55 years.
- (b) & (c) Tungabhadra Board has not taken any decision to desilt the Tungabhadra reservoir to enhance its capacity.