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Water Storage in Major Reservoirs

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

- (a) the current status of water storage in major reservoirs of the country against their storage capacity in comparison to storage during last year and average storage of last ten years;
- (b) whether there has been decline in level of water storage in recent past and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether irrigation in all the States is getting affected due to fall in water level; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with steps taken by the Government to make alternative arrangements in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

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(a) to (d) Central Water Commission, an attached office of this Ministry, monitors live storage status of 91 important reservoirs of the country on a weekly basis and also issues a weekly bulletin on every Thursday. As per reservoir bulletin dated 3rd December, 2015, live storage available in these reservoirs was 81.109 BCM, which is 78% of the storage of corresponding period of the last year and 75% of storage of average of last ten years. The reasons of less storage may be rainfall deficit during monsoon, which in turn affects irrigation.

Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna (PMKSY) in order to achieve convergence of investments in irrigation at field level to enhance physical access to water on farmland and to improve water use efficiency so as to increase availability of water both in duration and extent.
