

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*182
ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019

WATER LEVEL OF MAJOR RESERVOIRS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water level of 91 major reservoirs in the country has dropped below the average level of the last 10 years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is proposing/likely to propose to increase the total storage capacity of all the reservoirs in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. .†*182 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 4th JULY, 2019 ON “WATER LEVEL OF MAJOR RESERVOIRS” RAISED BY SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI.

(a) to (b) Central Water Commission (CWC) monitors the live storage status of 91 reservoirs of the country on weekly basis and issues weekly bulletin on every Thursday. As per reservoir storage bulletin dated 27.06.2019, live storage available in these reservoirs is 26.272 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) which is 86% of average live storage for last ten years of these reservoirs.

(c) to (e) De-siltation of reservoirs to increase its storage capacity is primarily the responsibility of dam owners who are generally State Governments or Central/ State PSUs.

Usually de-silting of large reservoirs is not techno-economically feasible. Under the World Bank assisted Dam Rehabilitation & Improvement Project (DRIP) there is a need based provision for desiltation of dams and desiltation works of three dams viz. Kundahapalam (Tamil Nadu), Papanasam (Tamil Nadu) and Asan Barrage (Uttarakhand) has been taken up.
