

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 05.12.2019

WATER LEVEL IN DAMS

2969. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water levels in 91 dams of the country, including those in Maharashtra have gone down to 20 per cent of storage capacity, resulting in severe shortage of drinking water in Maharashtra and other parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures being taken by the Government to deal with this alarming situation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (c) Central Water Commission is monitoring live storage status of 120 reservoirs of the country on weekly basis and issues weekly bulletin on every Thursday. As per reservoir storage bulletin dated 28.11.2019, live storage available in these reservoirs is 147.017BCM, which is 86% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The live storage available in 120 reservoirs as per 28.11.2019 bulletin is 142% of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 134% of storage of average of last ten years.

As per the bulletin dated 28.11.2019, live storage available in 24 reservoirs of Maharashtra is 16.27 BCM which is 96% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The storage during corresponding period of last year was 58% and average storage of last ten years during corresponding period was 71% of live storage capacity of these reservoirs.
