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STATUS OF WATER AVAILABILITY IN RAJASTHAN

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of water availability in the dams for the purpose of drinking and irrigation in southern region of Rajasthan;
- (b) the efforts made by the Government for better and maximum use of water available in dams;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme to improve its quality; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) Status and purpose of water availability in all dams owned by Rajasthan State Government is not available with the Central Government. However, Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage status of 130 reservoirs of the country on weekly basis. It includes 4 reservoirs of Rajasthan namely, Mahi Bajaj Sagar, Jhakam, Rana Pratap Sagar and Bisalpur. As per reservoir storage bulletin dated 15.07.2021, total live storage of these 4 reservoirs is 1.42 BCM out of total capacity of 4.36 BCM. Last year it was 1.88 BCM for the same period.

(b) Central Government has encouraged Rajasthan State Government to form Water Users Association and adopt Participatory Irrigation Methods, micro irrigation etc for maximum use of available water.

(c) & (d) Central and State Pollution Control Boards are implementing the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to prevent and control pollution of aquatic resources. Government of India stipulated general discharge standards and industry specific effluent discharge standards under Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 with an aim to prevent pollution in the water bodies. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has established a nation-wide water quality monitoring network of 4,294 locations for assessment of aquatic resources in the country viz. National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP). This includes Rajasthan. Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB) monitors water quality of 16 dams on monthly basis under National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP).
