

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1029  
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000  
DEEPENING OF RIVERS  
ALE NARENDRA

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the storage capacity of the rivers in the country has been going down as their deepening work is not being undertaken for the last so many years;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government have assessed the storage capacity of the rivers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have formulated any schemes to increase the storage capacity of the rivers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

- (a) to (c) No such studies have been carried out.
- (d) to (f) Does not arise.