

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF RIVERS WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has not been able to completely utilize its share of water from the rivers flowing through Jammu and Kashmir to Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the quantum of water available from different rivers and quantum of water being utilised at present; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to completely utilize the water and the projects envisaged for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BHOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The average annual water flows in the Western Rivers viz. The Indus, The Jhelum & The Chenab, based on 1921-22 to 1945-46 flow series, have been estimated as 89.5 Million Acre Feet (MAF), 22.6 MAF and 23.5 MAF respectively. These waters have been largely allocated to Pakistan. No specific quantum of water in the Western Rivers has been allocated to India as its share. However certain restricted agricultural and hydroelectric uses including storage on the Western Rivers have been allowed for India. Agricultural Use is restricted to 9.12 lakh acres of Irrigated Cropped Area from river flow, which could be enhanced to a maximum of 13.43 lakh acres if storages are built and 0.5 MAF of water is released annually from them as specified in the Treaty. An Irrigated Cropped Area of 8.04 lakh acres was developed on the Western Rivers during 2001-2002. India has been allowed to build specified storage limited to 3.6 MAF. No storage has been built so far.

(c) Water Resources Development projects are being planned, funded and implemented by the concerned State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities.