

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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STORAGE CAPACITY OF RESERVOIRS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of reservoirs in the country meant for irrigation; and
- (b) the percentage of their total water carrying capacity available now due to shortfall in monsoon this year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) At the end of Ninth Five Year Plan 4,525 large dams were constructed in the country to provide storage for meeting the requirements of irrigation, hydro power and for other purposes. The Central Water Commission is monitoring the status of storage of 71 important reservoirs. The overall storage in these 71 reservoirs as on 06.08.2004 was 39.28 billion cubic metre (BCM) which is 30 per cent of the total designed live storage capacity.