

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there is acute water shortage in Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra and particularly in more than 500 villages in Nagpur district;
- (b) whether this problem of water shortage is likely to turn worse during the coming summer;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Union Government to improve the situation of water supply thereon war footing?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) As per the available information in respect of the reservoirs being monitored by Central Water Commission, the position in respect of two reservoirs, namely Yeldari and Pench (Totladoh) located in Vidarbha region indicates that the total storage in the two reservoirs, as on 15.11.2007 is about 1.12 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) which is about 92.56% of the average of last ten years. Water being a state subject, appropriate measures relating to water management are undertaken by the respective State Government agencies.