

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 904**  
ANSWERED ON 27.06.2019

**WATER STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS**

904. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water storage in various reservoirs in the country has fallen considerably during the months of March 2019 to May 2019 as compared to last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the water level in Hirakud reservoir in the State of Odisha has fallen during current year as compared to last two years; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps to be taken to keep sufficient water storage in Hirakud reservoir in future?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (d) CWC monitors live storage status of 91 reservoirs of the country on weekly basis and issues weekly bulletin on every Thursday. As per the bulletin live storage available in these reservoirs on 31.03.2016, 26.05.2016, 30.03.2017, 25.05.2017, 28.03.2018, 31.05.2018, 28.03.2019 and 30.05.2019 was 39.651 billion cubic metre (BCM), 26.816 BCM, 52.632 BCM, 35.053 BCM, 46.136 BCM, 27.659 BCM, 50.307 BCM and 31.650 BCM respectively.

The Water level in Hirakud reservoir on 1st June of 2019 was 183.95 metre which was 184.8 metre and 184.4 metre on 1st June of 2018 and 2017 respectively. The requisite water level in the reservoir is maintained by the dam authorities, which is Government of Odisha, through a determination of rainfall, flood levels and water demands etc.

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