

scheme. Further, in order to find long term solution to the recurrent floods from rivers coming from Nepal, the Government of India is in constant dialogue with the Government of Nepal to build up reservoir schemes on the rivers, namely, Mahakali (Sarada), Karnali (Ghaghra), Kamla, Bagmati and Kosi, in Nepal.

(c) and (d) On an average, 200 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) of water is received from the rivers flowing from Nepal in Ganga Basin.

(e) A total of 42.060 BCM storage capacity (live) has been created with construction of storage schemes by the Ganga Basin States.

Reservoirs with Storage Capacity

†699. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 81 big water reservoirs with storage capacity to the tune of 1,51,768 cubic meters in the country;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether there is any scheme for construction of such reservoirs;

(d) if so, the number of reservoirs to be constructed during the Eleventh Five Year Plan Period alongwith their respective storage capacity; and

(e) the names of the places where these reservoirs would be constructed in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA):

(a) and (b) The total design storage capacity of 81 reservoirs monitored by Central Water Commission is 151.768 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM).

(c) to (e) Water is a State subject and the construction of such reservoirs is an on-going activity of the various State Governments in order to harness the available water resources. Many such big reservoirs have been, and are, planned and constructed under different Five Year Plans by the State Governments with their own resources and also funds made available to them by the Central Government. Ministry of Water Resources provides funds to the State Governments under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). As per the information available from Central Water Commission, there are major and medium water resources storage projects in the country under construction in the XI Plan, with their total live storage capacity is 63.90 BCM. The state-wise list of these projects indicating their river basin and capacity is at Annexure. [See Appendix 217 Annexure No.9]

Cultivated Land

700. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.