

term vision for the Olympic 2012, World Cup Commonwealth Games and Asian Games, 2010. Coaching camps are in progress for seniors at Bangalore and juniors at Bhopal under professional guidance with focus on fitness physiological and bio-mechanics. A Data Bank of the players has been prepared. FIH ha also agreed to conduct seminars in India to up-date coaches and umpires with the latest techniques.

Water level in main reservoirs

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the water level in main reservoirs across the country has been dipping to a critical-point due to the scanty rains during the current monsoon season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL):

(a) and (b) Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring 81 important reservoirs of the country. As per weekly bulletin issued by CWC on 02.07.2009, the total Live Storage in these 81 reservoirs was 14.318 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM) which is about 9% of their total designed live storage capacity of 151.77 BCM, nearly 42% of their storage that existed on corresponding date of last year and nearly 55% of their average storage of last 10 years that existed on the corresponding date.

As per information made available by India Meteorological Department (IMD) for the country as a whole, the country has received rainfall which is deficient/short from normal by about 32% during March-May, 2009 and about 48% during June, 2009. The flow into, and water levels, in the reservoirs would be less because of the scanty rainfall received in the country.

(c) In view of low reservoir levels and delayed monsoon across the country, the Ministry of Water Resources has advised all the State Governments and Union Territories (UTs) conveying that there is an urgent need

- to utilize the available surface water resources prudently and harness the possible ground water resources to tide over any possible shortage.
- to make judicious use of water available from the reservoirs, giving priority to drinking water supply and agriculture as per National Water Policy.
- to work out water budget for every reservoir covering drinking water, agriculture, other uses and evaporation losses.
- to take over the successful exploratory wells drilled by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) for enhancing water availability.
- to get in touch with the regional offices of CGWB and avail technical assistance in identifying potential sources of ground water to harness them early.