

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the above reservoirs are 20 per cent full compared to 25 per cent at this time in 2011;

(d) whether the States have been asked to give preference to drinking water and irrigation supply; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES
(SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As informed by Central Water Commission (CWC) which monitors the live storage status of 84 important reservoirs spread across the country on weekly basis, the live storage in these reservoirs as on 02.08.2012 was 30% of their total live storage capacity and 46% during the corresponding period in the year 2011.

(d) and (e) Keeping in view the possibility of low rainfall and low storage in reservoirs, and the need to change cropping pattern in the Kharif season, the States/ Union Territories have been advised to use available water judiciously, give priority to drinking water supply and irrigation and make use of ground water to the extent possible.

Drying UP of rivers

†464. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such rivers in the country which have dried up during the last few years;

(b) whether Government has prepared any policy to revive these rivers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES
(SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Analysis of flow data carried out by Central Water Commission indicates that the flow in the rivers varies from years primarily due to variations in the rainfall in the catchment area. However, the analysis of available river flow data does not indicate drying up of any river during the last few years.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.