

Besides, five Inter-Links of the rivers from Nepal have also been identified to transfer their surplus water to water-deficit areas.

Bhakra and Pong dams

†1208. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Bhakra and Pong dams are not filled upto Full Reservoir Level (FRL);
- (b) if so, whether the dams can be filled upto RFL by using latest techniques, proper planning and the techniques of weather forecasting; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to direct BBMB to conduct a study on the matter of keeping dams empty?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) As informed by Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), after the havoc caused by devastating floods of 1988, Bhakra and Pong dams are filled upto levels of 1680 ft. (512.07 m.) and 1390 ft. (423.68 m.) as against their Full Reservoir Levels (FRLs) of 1685 ft. (513.59 m.) and 1400ft.(425.73 m.) respectively.

(b) and (c) As stated in reply to part (a), the Bhakra and Pong reservoirs are not filled up to their FRLs at present. However, as further informed by BBMB, Real Time Decision Support System (RTDSS) which BBMB is in the process of developing under World Bank aided Hydrology Project Phase-II can enable monitoring the water levels in dams on real time basis and the updation in Full Reservoirs Levels, if required, will be done after Hydrology Project Phase-II is made operational.

Setting up of National Bureau of Water use Efficiency

1209. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by Government to improve the efficiency of usage of water in agricultural, industrial and domestic sectors;
- (b) whether Government is planning to set up the National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and

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