

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2637

ANSWERED ON:06.12.2000

INDO-BANGLA TALKS ON FLOODS

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a team from Bangladesh visited India recently to discuss the opening of floodgates causing extensive flooding in North-Western Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, the main points discussed with the team;
- (c) whether India has made its position clear in the matter;
- (d) if so, the extent to which the Bangladesh delegates were satisfied with the India stand;
- (e) whether any agreement has been signed between the two countries in this regards; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

- (a) and (b) At the invitation of the Minister of Water Resources, Government of India, a delegation of the Bangladesh Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources, consisting of six Parliament Members and three officials visited India from 1st to 15th November, 2000 to share the experiences in the implementation of water related projects, involving irrigation, storage and river training. No formal or official discussions have been held with the team.
- (c) and (d) During informal discussions with the team members, the factual details about the floods in West Bengal and its consequent effect in the North-Western Bangladesh was appraised. The members appeared to be satisfied.
- (e) and (f) Does not arise.