

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:208

ANSWERED ON:15.07.2002

MEETING OF INDUS WATER COMMISSION .

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

- (a) whether a meeting of the Indus Water Commission was held recently in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, whether India and Pakistan exchanged views on sharing of water under the Indus Water Treaty;
- (c) if so, whether the Jammu and Kashmir Government has suggested to the Union Government to raise the issue of reviewing the Indus Water Treaty, 1960 with Pakistan and expressed its concerns about the Baglihar hydro-electric project on Chenab river and completion of flood protection works on Ravi river;
- (d) if so, the outcome of the talks held;
- (e) whether any changes have been suggested by India in the meeting; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Pakistan Government?

**Answer**

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

- (a),(b),(e) & (f) During the 87th meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) held in New Delhi during the period from 28th May to 1st June 2002, there were neither exchange of views on sharing of water under the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 nor any changes suggested.
- (c) As per the available information at present, no such suggestions/concerns of the Jammu and Kashmir Government have been received.
- (d) During the meeting, India had agreed to consider Pakistan's requests for the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) to undertake two tours, one in India and another in Pakistan and to have meeting in Pakistan within three months following the 87th meeting with a view to endeavour to resolve the questions regarding the Baglihar Hydro-electric Plant on the Chenab Main in Jammu & Kashmir by agreement. India also agreed to consider Pakistan's request for communication of flood flows information by India to Pakistan during the monsoon period from 1st July to 10th October, 2002 and Pakistan's offer of reimbursement of costs for such communication during 2001 and 2002, and convey its views. The PIC also finalized its Annual Report on its work for the year ended on 31st March, 2002 and the Records of its 86th and 87th meetings.