

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NORTH EAST WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objectives of setting up of North East Water Resources Authority;
- (b) whether all the States of North East Region have come to a consensus on it;
- (c) if not, the name of those States alongwith their contentions; and
- (d) the time likely to be taken in expediting the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) to (d) The proposal for setting up of North East Water Resources Authority is to establish a cohesive autonomous self contained entity to provide effective flood control, generate electricity, provide irrigation facilities and develop infrastructure. All North Eastern States except Arunachal Pradesh are in agreement with the proposal. Arunachal Pradesh is of the view that there is not much scope for development of major irrigation potential as the State does not have a suitable river basin to justify the development of medium and large scale irrigation schemes; also the State being hilly does not have much flooding problem and formation of another Authority would virtually add to one more tier and hence the State does not favour its formation. The time likely to be taken for materializing the proposal primarily depends on consensus of all the States.