

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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DAM ON TSANGPO RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of Chinese plans to build a dam on the upper reaches of the Tsangpo river, affecting flow of Indian rivers originating from Tibetan Plateau;
- (b) if so, the details and how far it is likely to affect the flow and course of Brahmaputra;
- (c) whether this aspect has been taken into account while planning for inter-linking of rivers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) & (b) Government is aware of media reports on the Chinese plans to build a dam on the upper reaches of the Tsangpo river. This has been taken up with the Chinese side.
- (c) & (d) The interlinking of rivers proposals are conceptually planned so as to utilize the surpluses of Manas, Sankosh & other tributaries of Brahmaputra originating from Bhutan. As such, the Chinese Planning aspect, if any, has not been taken into account in the Inter-linking of Rivers proposals. However, the Common Minimum Programme of the Government envisages a comprehensive review of the feasibility of linking of rivers of the country starting with peninsular rivers.