

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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BAGLIHAR HYDRO POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Secretary-level talks on Baglihar Hydro Power Project has been held recently between India and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof,
- (c) whether certain differences still persist; and
- (d) if so, the details and by when such differences are likely to be resolved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan on the Baglihar Hydroelectric Project were held at New Delhi on June 22, 2004. The Indian delegation was led by Secretary (Water Resources), Government of India and the Pakistan delegation was led by Secretary (Water & Power), Government of Pakistan. The talks were held in a very cordial & friendly atmosphere and in the spirit of goodwill & cooperation. The two Secretaries discussed ways and means to resolve technical concerns relating to the Project and shared their assessments on this issue. They decided to report the matter back to their respective Governments. The resolution of the issue would depend on further processes between the two Governments.