

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3048

ANSWERED ON:20.12.2004

AGREEMENT OF SHARING OF WATER WITH BANGLADESH

Bhadana Shri Avtar Singh;Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram;Goel Shri Surendra Prakash;Mishra Dr. Rajesh Kumar;Mistry Shri Madhusudan Devram;Pingle Shri Devidas Anandrao;Thummar Shri Virjibhai;Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore;Varma Shri Ratilal Kalidas;Yadav Shri Parasnath

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Indian delegation has recently visited Bangladesh to hold talks for division of water resources between the two countries;
- (b) if so, the outcome of talks particularly for division of water of Ganga, Teesta, Monu, Khowai, Awadhkumari, Dharala, Muhari and Gomati rivers; and
- (c) the details of the dams proposed to be built on those rivers?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The 7th meeting of Joint Committee of Experts (JCE) at Secretary level on sharing of waters of Teesta and other common rivers was held at Dhaka on 14th and 15th September, 2004. Discussions were mainly held on sharing of Teesta waters. During the meeting, it was decided that the Joint Technical Group (JTG) which had been constituted earlier during the 6th meeting of JCE, may hold meetings again and make efforts to further narrow the gaps on the pending issues. Accordingly the 3rd meeting of JTG was held at New Delhi on 9th and 10th November, 2004 wherein it was decided to continue the discussions further.

No discussions took place on other common rivers namely Manu, Khowai, Dudhkumar, Dharla, Muhuri and Gumti. River Ganga is not covered under the talks by JCE as there already exists a Treaty on Sharing of Ganga/Ganges Waters which was entered between India and Bangladesh in December, 1996.

(c) Does not arise.