

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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THREAT TO INDIA FROM TIBET LAKE

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

- (a) whether Tibet Lake that created threat to India recently has started receding;
- (b) if so, whether China has invited India to Lhasa for discussions;
- (c) if so, whether a team of experts visited China to study the Tibet Lake;
- (d) if so, the outcome of discussions held;
- (e) the extent to which India has agreed to take steps to check its effect on our territory in future;
- (f) whether India and China have reached any agreement to take joint steps; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) and (c) The Chinese authorities, during a visit of the Indian Technical Team to Lhasa during September 18-20, 2004, had informed that the artificial lake created due to blockage of river Parechu by a landslide on July 08, 2004 had started receding from August 20, 2004.

(d) During the discussions, the Tibet Autonomous Region Authorities had agreed that structural measures for controlled removal of blockage leading to emptying of lake were necessary before the advent of next flood season and that matter has to be taken up with their Central Government through diplomatic channels.

(e), (f) and (g) The matter was taken up with the Chinese authorities through diplomatic channels and a visit to Beijing by the Indian Team is planned during the last week of December, 2004 for further discussions.