

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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FLOW OF RIVER BRAHMAPUTRA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the flow of river Brahmaputra is likely to be affected as a result of building a hydropower project by China of Brahmaputra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) The details regarding the building of Hydropower projects by China on river Brahmaputra are not available. However, the flows in the Brahmaputra river entering Indian side will be affected if China diverts water to some other basin. In case, the water is discharged back into the main river, the effects on flows may be negligible.

(c) Government keeps a constant watch on all developments in China having bearing on India's interests and takes necessary measures to protect them.