

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EXCHANGE OF DATA ON HYDEL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between the Union Government and China to exchange the data of hydropower projects proposed to be constructed across all rivers including the river Brahmaputra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b) During the visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao to India, in November 2006, India and China agreed to set up an Expert-Level Mechanism (ELM) on trans-border rivers. Till now the ELM has held four meetings, in September 2007, April 2008, April 2009 and April 2010. Government takes up relevant issues relating to trans-border rivers, with the Chinese side through this Expert Level Mechanism. India and China have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Provision of Hydrological Information on the Yarlung Zangbo/ Brahmaputra River in Flood Season in 2002 which was renewed in 2008.