

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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FLOOD FROM HYDEL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Assam has requested the Central Water Commission to conduct a comprehensive study on likely discharge of excessive water from the hydel projects that are being set up on the upper reaches of Brahmaputra which can cause devastating flood in the downstream areas; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) The State Government of Assam has requested Ministry of Water Resources to get a comprehensive cumulative river basin study conducted by Central Water Commission (CWC) in the North Eastern region to determine cumulative effect of biodiversity and eco system including flood and erosion management in the region due to a number of hydel projects proposed in the Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) The Central Water Commission has been entrusted to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies for Subansiri sub-basin and Siang sub-basin in consultation with Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF). It has been decided that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for such studies will be provided by MoEF. These studies also include the downstream impact due to releases from hydel projects. CWC has initiated action to take up the studies.