

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1168

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WATER MANAGEMENT

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Joint Committee has been constituted to consider water management between India and Nepal;
- (b) if so, the level of the officer comprising this Committee and the date of its constitution;and
- (c) the total number of sittings of this Committee held so far alongwith dates and the agenda decided for each of them?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) A number of joint committees with Nepal in water resources have been constituted from time to time. The details of joint committees existing as on date, date of their constitution, team leader from India are as under:

S.N.	Name of the Committee (from India)	Date of Constitution	Team Leader
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| 1. | Joint Ministerial level
Commission on Water
Resources (JMCWR) | 01.12.2009 | Minister (Water Resources) |
| 2. | Joint Committee on Water
Resources (JCWR) | 20.11.2000 | Secretary (Water Resources) |
| 3. | Joint Standing Technical
Committee (JSTC) | 26.11.2009 | Chairman, Ganga Flood
Control Commission |

(c) Five meetings of JCWR and two meetings of JSTC have been held so far. No meeting of JMCWR has been held till date. The dates of meetings of the above committees and the main agenda points for the respective meetings, are given below:

S.N.	Name of Committee	Dates of meetings held	Main Agenda points
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| 1. | Joint Ministerial level
Commission on Water
Resources | No meeting held so far | |
| 2. | Joint Committee on Water
Resources (JCWR) | 01-03 October, 2000
in November, 2000) | 1. Terms of Reference of
the Joint Committee.
2. Revisiting the
existing committees
related to Water
Resources.
3. Inundation Problems
in Nepal-India Border
Areas.
4. Flood Control and
Flood Forecasting.
5. Works to be done
under the provisions
of Mahakali Treaty
6. Sapta Kosi-Sun Kosi
Multipurpose Project.
7. Nepal-India Power
Exchange.
8. Kosi and Gandak
Agreement. |

9. Kamala and Bagmati
Multipurpose Project
10. Identification and
implementation of Hydro
Power Projects.
11. Dhauli Ganga Hydro
Electric Project in
India.

-Do- 7-8 October, 2004 1. Mahakali Treaty
including implementation
of Pancheshwar
Multipurpose Project.
2. Comprehensive
strategy for flood
management and control
3. Review of activities
of various bilateral
committees
4. Sapta Kosi High Dam
Multipurpose Project
and Sun Kosi Storage
cum diversion scheme.
5. Kamala and Bagmati
Multipurpose Project
6. Identification and
implementation of Hydro
Power Projects
(including Upper
Karnali)
7. Kosi Power tariff
8. Dhauli Ganga Hydro
Electric Project in
India.
9. Karnali Multipurpose
Project.

-Do- 29.09.2008-01.10.2008 1. Review of progress
on matters agreed upon
in 2nd JCWR meeting.
2. Mahakali Treaty.
3. Kosi Afflux Bund
Breach and related
matters.
4. Saptakosi Kosi High
Dam Multipurpose
project including Sun
Kosi Diversion cum
Storage scheme.
5. Gandak Project
6. Inundation problems
due to Laxmanpur
Barrage and Kalkalwa
bund, Rasiawal
Khurd-Lotun bund and
Mahalisagar.
7. Review of activities
of various water and
power related bilateral
committees.
8. West Rapti
(Naumure) Project.
9. Setting up of Joint
Ministerial level
Commission on Water
resources.
10. Bank Protection
works along Mechi river.

-Do- 12-13 March, 2009 1. Review of action
Taken on decisions of
3rd meeting of JCWR.
2. Finalization of
Terms of Reference of
Pancheshwar Development
Authority.
3. Finalization of
Terms of Reference of
Joint Ministerial Level

Commission on Water Resources.

4. Flood Forecasting activities on rivers common to India and Nepal
5. Power Supply

-Do- 20-22 November, 2009 1. Review of Action

- Taken on decisions taken in the 4th meeting of JCWR.
2. terms of reference of Pancheshwar Development Authority
 3. Meeting of Joint Ministerial Level Commission on Water Resources.
 4. Flood Forecasting activities on rivers common to India and Nepal.
 5. Power Supply.
 6. Interconnection and related Power Trading Arrangements.

3. Joint Standing Technical Committee (JSTC) (Before formal constitution in November, 2009) 8-9 December, 2008 1. Review of the ongoing activities/continuation of existing

- Committees/
Sub-Committees.
2. Pre-feasibility Study of Naumure Project.
 3. Visit to Mahalisagar.
 4. Latest Status of Kosi Breach Closure.
 5. Issue of embankments on both sides of river Mechi.
 6. Gandak Barrage.
 7. Restoration of damaged Transmission Lines.
 8. Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project and Saptakosi High Dam Multipurpose Project & Sun Kosi Storage cum Diversion Scheme.

-Do- 30-31, March, 2010 1. Review of Action

- Taken on the decisions taken in 1st meeting of JSTC.
2. Review of Joint Committee on Kosi & Gandak Projects.
 3. Review of Joint Committee on Inundation & Flood Management.
 4. Review of Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project and Saptakosi High Dam Multipurpose Project & Sun Kosi Storage cum Diversion Scheme.
 5. Discussion on issues to be resolved as directed by JCWR.