

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON CONSTRUCTION WORK BY NEPAL  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the work of a pilot channel on River Kosi has been stopped by Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to facilitate resolution of the issue?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

- (a) & (b) The work of activation of existing natural channel in the downstream of Kosi barrage, which started in April 2011 was stopped by Nepalese authorities in view of local public protests.
- (c) The issue was discussed at a special meeting of the Kosi High Level Committee, comprising officials from India and Nepal in June 2011. The Committee decided to restart the work with a revised scope.