

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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DAM ON THE BRAHMAPUTRA
Purkayastha Shri Kabindra

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of location, size and capacity of hydroelectric dam(s) being built by China on Brahmaputra and its tributaries;
- (b) whether the Union Government is considering to sign a water sharing agreement/treaty with the Government of China; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) As per the information provided by Ministry of External Affairs, a hydro-electric project at Zangmu, having a total installed capacity of about 510 MW, is under construction on the main Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) River in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China.
- (b) & (c) 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. The ELM has held five meetings, since 2007, the latest in April, 2011. 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 Brahmaputra River in Flood Season in 2002 which was renewed in 2008. Further, another MoU for the provision of similar data by China to India during the flood season in respect of Sutlej was signed in 2005 and was renewed in 2010.