

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3530
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2011
MAINTENANCE OF DAMS ON KOSI RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction of Kosi barrage has been done under an agreement between India and Nepal for the use of Kosi water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Kosi barrage and the Efflux dam is constructed within the boundaries of Nepal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Kosi Barrage was constructed in 1963 on river Kosi for utilizing the water of the river Kosi after bilateral agreement between the Government of Nepal and Government of India was signed on 25th April, 1954 which was subsequently revised on 19th December, 1966. The project consists of a barrage across the river Kosi at Hanumannagar (Nepal) wherefrom two canal systems known as Eastern Kosi Canal and Western Kosi Canal, take off to provide irrigation in Nepal and in the State of Bihar in India.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Kosi Barrage and its both afflux bunds (Eastern Afflux bund and Western Afflux bund) of the barrage are located in the Nepal territory. Eastern Afflux bund is 32.0 Km. long whereas the Western Afflux bund is 12.0 Km. long.