

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SILT IN HIMALAYAN RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a World Bank study has suggested setting up of River Basin Development Authority and upstream storage of water to overcome the growing problem of silt in Himalayan Rivers;
- (b) if so, the details of the study; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Draft Report of World Bank (August, 2011) on Ganges Strategic Basin Assessment does not suggest setting up of River Basin Development Authority. The draft report mentions that the volume of sediment is so large that capturing sediment behind large dams would not be economical, these large and expensive structures would simply fill up too quickly and would want to pass sediments through.

(c) The draft report was discussed with the representatives of the World Bank and comments were conveyed during the meeting.