

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SIYANG RIVER

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the river Siyang in China originating from Tibet has almost dried up in Arunachal Pradesh due to sudden depleting water level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether China has diverted the water of said river towards its territory which resulted into the receding water level;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR), Government of India clarified that changes in river flows are a natural phenomenon dependent on various hydro-meteorological and climatological factors. There has been neither any abnormal rise nor fall in water flow of River Siyang. India has raised trans-border river issues with the Chinese side on many occasions and at the highest level. During his visit to India in December 2010, the Chinese Premier conveyed that China's development of upstream areas of Brahmaputra will never harm downstream interests. Government has ascertained that construction activity on Brahmaputra River at Zangmu on the Chinese side is a run-of-the-river hydro-electric project which will not adversely impact the downstream areas in India.