

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WATER LEVEL OF BRAHMAPUTRA

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the water level in Brahmaputra river has been receding continuously due to Chinese activities;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has sought any report in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There is no evidence that water level in Brahmaputra river has been receding continuously due to Chinese activities.

(c) & (d) Central Water Commission (CWC) maintains river water level and discharge data at Tuting in Upper Siang District near the border to Tibet Autonomous Region, China . Central Water Commission was asked to analyze the available data and report on any abnormal fall in water level in the River Siang.

The analysis of Siang River flows at Tuting undertaken by CWC for January and February months of preceding five years (2007-2011) shows that the average monthly flows in January/February, 2012 are atleast 50 to 150% higher than the corresponding average monthly flows during the previous years.

(e) Government of India keeps a constant watch on all developments in China having bearing on India's interest and takes necessary measures to protect them.