

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:183
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2012
CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION
Gohain Shri Rajen

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to review construction of dams especially big dams in the North Eastern Region, particularly on the tributaries of the Brahmaputra in view of the devastating floods in Assam;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has permitted the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) to continue construction of the Lower Subansiri Hydroelectric Power project; and
- (c) if so, the manner in which the Government proposes to deal with the danger of floods caused due to the construction of such dams?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 183 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.08.2012 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION.

- (a) No Madam, presently there is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Water Resources.
- (b) Lower Subansiri Hydroelectric Project has got all mandatory clearances by different government organizations for taking up construction and presently the construction work of the Project is under progress.
- (c) Construction of dams will not cause any danger of flood but will help in mitigation of the floods. Flood moderation is achieved by operating the reservoir at a lower reservoir level during flood season, keeping certain flood cushion. As regards Lower Subansiri hydro electric project, NHPC has undertaken flood moderation studies including impact assessment studies on the downstream areas.