

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF RESERVOIRS BY CHINA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that China is contemplating to construct reservoirs on the rivers flowing from the Plateau of Tibet;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) 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)&(c) Government of India keeps a constant watch on all developments in China on rivers flowing from Plateau of Tibet, having bearing on India's interest and takes necessary measures to protect them. The Chinese Premier during his visit to India in December 2010 conveyed that China's development of upstream areas of Brahmaputra will be on the basis of scientific planning and study and will never harm downstream interests. The Chinese side has also conveyed that the on-going project at Zangmu on Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) will not store water or regulate the volume of water, and therefore, will not have an adverse impact on the downstream areas. In October 2011, Vice Minister of Chinese Ministry of Water Resources also stated that the Chinese Government has no plan to conduct any diversification project on Yarlung Zangbo River. During his interaction with Prime Minister in Bali in November 2011, Chinese Premier reiterated that China has always acted responsibly with respect to development and use of trans-border rivers and China takes into full account the impact of such development on the lower reach countries.