

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POWER STATION ON BRAHMAPUTRA

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Brahmaputra and Ganga rivers are the main source of water availability in the country;
- (b) if so, whether a power station is being set up by China on the river Brahmaputra;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any assessment of water flow of the river has been made after the construction of this project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Madam. The Brahmaputra and the Ganga rivers are the main source of water in the country.

(b) & (c) As per the information provided by Ministry of External Affairs, a run-of-river hydro-electric project at Zangmu, having a total installed capacity of about 510 MW is under construction by China on river Brahmaputra (Yarlung Zangbu) in Tibet Autonomous Region, China .

(d) & (e) The analysis of hydrological data of the last four years at Tuting site (near border with Tibet Autonomous Region, China) on River Siang (Brahmaputra) undertaken by Central Water Commission does not show any receding trend in the river flow. Further, run-of-river project do not store water and as such will not adversely impact water flow down stream in India.