

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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DAM ON BRAHMAPUTRA

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China plans to build large dams on its side of the Brahmaputra river which is likely to create problems of water and environment in the North-Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the impact that the dams will have on the country particularly on the North-Eastern States;
- (c) whether China has held any discussions with the Government of India in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, whether the Government proposes to take up the matter with China in this regard; and
- (e) whether India proposes to raise this issue with the United Nations and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Recently released 'Outline of the 12th Five Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development of the People's Republic of China' indicates that three dam projects on the main stream of the Brahmaputra River in Tibet Autonomous Region have been approved for implementation by the Chinese Authorities. As these projects are considered to be Run of River (RoR) hydro-electric projects, any significant change on the quantity of flow of water in North Eastern India is not expected.

(c) to (e) As a lower riparian state with considerable established user rights to the waters of the River, India has conveyed its views and concerns to the Chinese authorities, including at the highest levels of the Government of the People's Republic of China. India has urged China to ensure that the interests of downstream States are not harmed by any activities in upstream areas.