

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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RIVERS FROM TIBET
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of the dangers such as floods etc. being caused by the rivers flowing towards the country from Tibet;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has raised or proposes to raise the issue with the Government of China in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) During the visit of His Excellency, the President of People's Republic of China, in November, 2006, India and China agreed to set up an India-China Joint Expert Level Mechanism to discuss the interaction and cooperation on the provision of flood season hydrological data, emergency management and other issues regarding trans-border rivers. Accordingly, the two sides had set up the Joint Expert Level Mechanism. India and China have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Provision of Hydrological Information in respect of three stations namely Nugesha, Yangcun and Nuxia on Brahmaputra river in flood season in 2002 which was renewed in 2008. Further, another MoU for the provision of similar data by China to India during the flood season in respect of one station namely Tsada on Sutlej river was signed in 2005 and was renewed in 2010. The hydrological information received from Chinese side has been used for issuing advisory forecasts in the downstream areas in Indian Territory.