

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:57
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2013
DAMS ON BRAHMAPUTRA F
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has started construction of three new dams on the river Brahmaputra in addition to the one already built on it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has got any assurance that its downstream interests will not be affected adversely and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether China has agreed to India's demand to have either a water commission or an inter-governmental dialogue to deal with water issues; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the other steps taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID)

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 57 REGARDING 'DAMS ON BRAHMAPUTRA' FOR ANSWER ON 07.08.2013

The 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 more hydropower projects on the main stream of the Brahmaputra River in Tibet Autonomous Region have been approved for implementation by the Chinese authorities. A hydropower project at Zangmu is under construction. Government carefully monitors all developments on the Brahmaputra River. 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.