

**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 has sanctioned construction of more dams in addition to the dams being constructed across river Brahmaputra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on our country;
- (c) whether the Government has raised this issue with China;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of China thereto; and
- (e) the steps being taken to safeguard the interests of the country?

Answer

THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a to e) 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 of India monitors developments on the Brahmaputra River. As a lower riparian state, India has conveyed its views and concerns to the Chinese authorities, including at the highest levels. India has urged China to ensure that the interests of downstream States are not harmed by any activities in upstream areas. During Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit to China in October 2013, both Governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Strengthening Cooperation on Trans-border Rivers.