

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DAMS ON RIVERS FLOWING THROUGH TIBET
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the major concerns of the country on account of China`s ongoing dam constructions on India`s rivers which originate in Tibet;
- (b) whether India has entered/proposes to enter into any water sharing treaty with China;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the other steps contemplated to address the issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) The '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. During PM's visit to China in October 2013, the two Governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Strengthening Cooperation on Trans-border Rivers.