

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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STUDY ON BRAHMAPUTRA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has funded any studies to assess the integrated hydrologic-hydraulic system dynamics of the Brahmaputra river basin and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government will construct storage reservoirs in the upper catchment areas of the Brahmaputra to mitigate the problems of silt deposits, flood erosion and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Union Government will fund the Assam Water Research and Management Institute and build it into a centre of excellence and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE).(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) A mix of run-of-the-river and storage based hydroelectric projects with the purpose of mitigating the problems of silt deposits, flood erosion, flood mitigation besides hydro power generation are in different stages of planning in Brahmaputra Basin.

(c) As per the information provided by the State Government of Assam, a provision of Rs.13.00 crore has been kept for construction of building of Assam Water Research and Management Institute (AWRMI) under Asian Development Bank (ADB) assisted project "Assam Integrated Flood and Erosion Risk Management Investment Program". The Water Resources Department of Assam has already arranged the required land for establishment of full fledged AWRMI at Basistha, Guwahati and Expression of Interest (EOI) from the reputed consultants has already been called for.