

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RIVERS FROM TIBET
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the dangers from the rivers flowing from Tibet to our country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken/proposes to take up this matter with the Chinese Government; and
- (c) if so, the details and response thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (c) Government carefully monitors developments on various trans-border rivers including Brahmaputra, Sutlej and Indus rivers. As a lower riparian State with considerable established user rights to the waters of the rivers, 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 the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to India in September 2014, the matter of further strengthening bilateral cooperation on trans-border rivers was discussed and the Joint Statement issued during the visit stated that "The two sides will further strengthen cooperation through the Expert-Level Mechanism on the provision of flood-season hydrological data and emergency management, and exchange views on other issues of mutual interest".