

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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STUDY TOUR ON BRAHMAPUTRA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed an agreement with China to conduct study tour on the Brahmaputra river in Tibet by Indian hydrological experts; and

(b) if so, the details and the benefits likely to be derived by India as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) India and China signed the Implementation Plan on Provision of Hydrological Information of the Yaluzangbu/Brahmaputra River in Flood Season by China to India on 30 June 2014. Para 12 of the Implementation Plan states, "In order to ensure normal provision of hydrological information, if necessary, after mutual consultation through diplomatic channel, the parties may dispatch hydrological experts to each other's country to conduct study tour according to the principle of reciprocity." The hydrological information obtained from the Chinese side is used in flood forecasting and disaster mitigation.