

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS BY CHINA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has allegedly initiated the construction of dams on all the rivers flowing into India from China including the Brahmaputra;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has raised this issue with China;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of China thereto; and
- (e) the steps contemplated to be taken to safeguard the interests of the country in this matter?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The 'Outline of the 12th Five Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development of the People's Republic of China' indicates that three 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 already 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 the visit of Vice President to China from 26-30 June 2014, the two Governments signed an Implementation Plan on Provision of Hydrological Information of Brahmaputra River in flood season by China to India.