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Title: Reported contamination of water of Brahmaputra river.

SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI (DIBRUGARH): The recent media report that the water of the river Brahmaputra has turned black is really a matter of serious concern for every Indian. Various agencies after testing the water of Siang river which has turned dark and muddy have said the water of the river has become unfit for human consumption. The latest satellite imagery shows a massive new dam on the Brahmaputra river which is known as Yarlung Tsangpo in Tibet with an underground tunnel that is being constructed by China. The purpose of this project is to divert water of Brahmaputra to the perched areas of Taklamakhan desert. This design of the Chinese authority will not only destroy India's agriculture but also cause serious havoc to our aquatic life, birds, flora and fauna.

It has also been reported that the chemical used in the construction of dam and tunnel have contaminated the river water. Madam, Brahmaputra is the life line of Assam and every Assamese wants its natural flow and quality to be maintained at any cost.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to take up the matter with the Chinese Government to resolve this serious issue as early as possible.