

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1913
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.07.2019**

CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS BY CHINA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether China has allegedly started construction of dams on all rivers including Brahmaputra river which flow from China to India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has raised this matter with China;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of China thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the country in the said matter?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (e) The 'Outline of the 12th Five Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development of the People's Republic of China' endorsed in March 2011 indicated that three hydropower projects on the main stream of Brahmaputra River in Tibet Autonomous Region were approved for implementation by the Chinese authorities. A hydropower project at Zangmu was declared fully operational by Chinese authorities in October 2015.

Government carefully monitors all developments on the Brahmaputra River. As a lower riparian State with considerable established user rights to the waters of the trans-border rivers, Government has consistently conveyed its views and concerns to the Chinese authorities and has urged them to ensure that the interests of downstream States are not harmed by any activities in upstream areas.

The Chinese side has conveyed to us on several occasions that they are only undertaking run-of-the-river hydropower projects which do not involve diversion of the waters of the Brahmaputra.

Various issues relating to trans-border rivers are discussed with China under the ambit of an institutionalized Expert Level Mechanism which was established in 2006, as well as through diplomatic channels. We intend to remain engaged with China on the issue of trans-border rivers to safeguard our interests.
