

Regarding construction of dam by China over river Tsangpo

SHRI GAURAV GOGOI (JORHAT): Sir, the river Brahmaputra is the lifeline of Assam and a major strategic asset of India. China's recent decision to construct the world's largest dam across the Yarlung Tsangpo-Brahmaputra river raises severe concerns about India's water security. I have written to both, the Minister of Defence and the Minister of External Affairs, regarding the disproportionate control of China on the water flow in the river Brahmaputra. I demand that water sharing and management must be a key component of India's diplomatic engagement with China, especially at the level of Prime Minister, National Security Advisor and the Ministry of External Affairs. We must have an agreement that China must always share hydrological data supporting flood forecasting and management. My only question is: did this Government know that China was constructing the largest dam and what has this Government done to raise this issue at the international forum?