

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:30  
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AGREEMENT WITH CHINA ON FLOOD CONTROL  
SURESH CHANDEL

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to sign an agreement on exchanging hydrological data of rivers originating from China on the lines of Brahmaputra river to prevent floods caused by Satluj river originating from Rakas/Mansarovar lakes in Tibetregion in border district of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The matter had already been taken up with the Chinese authorities for providing hydrological information in respect of Satluj river on the lines of Brahmaputra river by setting up of a hydrological station in the upper catchment.

Further during Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit to China in June, 2003, the Indian side expressed its desire to expand exchange of hydrological information to cover the Sutluj river as well, which would help us in forecasting floods and preventing damage to life and property. The Chinese side conveyed that they will consider the request and would make plans for developing the relevant hydrological stations.