

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF RIVER BASIN ORGANISATIONS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to hold regular meetings with all the State Governments with a view to impress upon the States the need for establishment of River Basin Organisations (RBOs);
- (b) if so, whether any blue-print on the subject on which discussions have already been held or are proposed to be held prepared by the Government; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Water Resources has constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources to deliberate upon various models(s) of River Basin Organisations (RBOs) and to recommend the most suitable one(s) for meeting the objectives of sustainable and optimal development of water resources of the country. The members of the Committee are: Water Resources/Irrigation Secretaries of Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Commissioner (Policy & Planning), Ministry of Water Resources is its Member Secretary. Three meetings of the Committee have been held so far. The recommendations of the Committee on the model structure for River Basin Organisations have to be considered by the National Water Board of which Chief Secretaries of all the States/Union Territories are members.