

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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MEETING OF DELHI DHAKA WATER COMMISSION

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether any Ministerial level meeting of Delhi-Dhaka Water Commission was held recently ;
- (b) If so, the details of decisions taken therein ;
- (c) The other steps taken to solve the bilateral water problems including erosion of soil due to silting of rivers flowing in both the countries; and
- (d) The amount spent on the desilting of the rivers flowing near the border between India and Bangladesh ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) to (b) In pursuance to the decisions taken in 36th meeting of Indo Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) held at Dhaka in September, 2005, Ministers of Water Resources of India and Bangladesh jointly visited a number of sites of bank protection, minor lift irrigation and drinking water supply schemes on common/border rivers during September 13-21, 2006; including a part of Ichhamati river where it forms international boundary between West Bengal (India) and Bangladesh. Final discussions were held on 20th September, 2006 at Dhaka but no consensus could be reached on mutually agreed solutions for want of certain technical details.
- (c) A permanent JRC is functioning under the Chairmanship of Ministers of Water Resources of India and Bangladesh where in pending bilateral issues pertaining to water resources sector are discussed. Meetings of JRC are regularly held in both the countries alternatively.
- (d) No amount has been spent on desilting of rivers flowing near the border between India and Bangladesh for lack of agreement with Bangladesh.