

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2074  
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NORTH EAST WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some States of NER continued to oppose the formation of the North East Water Resource Authority as declared by Prime Minister in 2004;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has pursued the matter with concerned State Government to review their stand;
- (d) if so, the response received in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the decision of the Government on the issue?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) The State of Arunachal Pradesh has some reservations on the formation of the proposed North East Water Resources Authority (NEWRA).
- (c) to (e) In order to develop a consensus on utilizing the hydro power potential of Arunachal Pradesh and integrated development of the region through the setting up of NEWRA, a High Level Group (HLG) under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Union Minister for Water Resources and consisting of Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Hon'ble Member, Planning Commission and Hon'ble Chief Ministers of the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam was constituted during December, 2006. A meeting of HLG has been held. It has been decided to continue the discussions on the issue.