

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:505
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA ON FLOOD CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any agreement has been signed between India and China on sharing of river water and flood control;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of rivers originating from China and flowing through the country;
- (c) whether both the countries have agreed to control the floods;
- (d) if so, whether they have also agreed to exchange hydrological information; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (e) of Starred Question No.505 to be answered in the Lok Sabha on 2.5.2005 regarding Agreement between India and China on Flood Control.

Major rivers that originate in China and flow into India are Brahmaputra, Sutlej, Lohit, Subansiri and Indus. At present no agreement has been signed with China on sharing of river waters.

However, cooperation exists relating to flood control measures. In this regard a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) had been signed between India and China in January, 2002 for provision of hydrological information namely rainfall, water level, discharge and other relevant information on Brahmaputra (Yaluzangbo) river in respect of three stations namely Nugesha, Yangcun and Nuxia in flood season by China to India from 1st June, to 15th October, every year. The Chinese side have started transmitting data to India for the above mentioned three stations since June, 2002. An Agreement regarding the provision of hydrological data on Sutlej (Langqen Zangbo) was also concluded during the visit of Hon'ble Premier of China in April, 2005 for which an MoU has been signed. As per MOUs, the Chinese side has also agreed to provide information on any abnormal rise/fall in the water level/discharge and other information, which may lead to sudden floods on the basis of existing monitoring and data collection facilities on real time basis. The two sides have also agreed to continue bilateral discussions to finalize at an early date similar arrangements for the Parlung Zangbo and Lohit (Zayu Qu) rivers (which are Tributaries of Brahmaputra).

Further, regarding the artificial lake created in 2004 on Parechu river in China due to a land slide dam, the discussions were held during the visit of Secretary level delegation to Beijing in March, 2005 and during the current visit of Hon'ble Premier of China to India in April, 2005. The Chinese side has agreed to take measures for controlled release of accumulated water of the land slide dam as soon as the conditions permit.