

### RTI matter/ Time Bound

Government of India Ministry of External Affairs New Delhi

No. E/551/1/2021-RTI

To:

16 March 2021

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application addressed to Ministry to RTI cell, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi received by this Division on 16 March 2021.

- 2. It may be noted that under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005, a CPIO/ Public Authority is under obligation to provide an applicant only that information which exists in the records and that which is held by or under the control of that authority.
- 3. With respect to point no. 1 & 4 of your query, the information sought is not available with the undersigned CPIO and the application is being transferred to Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Home Affairs as per the provision of article 6 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 for sharing information that may be available with them with regard to your query.
- 4. With respect to point no. 2 & 3 of your query, this Ministry had earlier answered Parliamentary Questions which contain information relating to your query. This is available in public domain and can be seen at <a href="https://www.mea.gov.in/">https://www.mea.gov.in/</a>. A copy of the relevant Parliamentary Questions are enclosed for your information.
- 5. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Satish K. Sivan, Director (East Asia) & Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi -110001, within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Karthik G. Iyer)

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- 3. Under Secretary (RTI Cell), Room Number-4, Ministry of Defence, South Block, New Delhi

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### QUESTION NO.2898 CONSTRUCTION OF DAM ON BRAHMAPUTRA

July 18, 2019

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2898 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019

#### CONSTRUCTION OF DAM ON BRAHMAPUTRA

†2898. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some dams have been built or are under construction on tributaries of Brahmaputra river by China;
- (b) whether due to construction of the said dams, the water of Siang river has become polluted and the local people are forced to drink this polluted water as a result of which they are having various types of diseases; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government to provide pure drinking water to the people living there and protect their interests?

# ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) to (c) Government has seen reports drawing possible linkage between the deterioration in the quality of Siang/Brahmaputra River and the infrastructure construction activities on the river in China. In this regard, Government has noted Chinese Foreign Ministry's statements denying any such link and stating that the situation was caused by an earthquake in the region and was not a man-made incident. Government, in close cooperation with various State Governments which are users of the waters of Brahmaputra River, continues to carefully monitor the water flow in river Brahmaputra for early detection of abnormality so that corrective and preventive measures are taken to safeguard livelihood of peoples of these states of Union of India.

As a lower riparian State with considerable established user rights to the waters of the trans-border rivers, Government has consistently conveyed its views and concerns to the Chinese authorities and has urged them to ensure that the interests of downstream States are not harmed by any activities in upstream areas.

Government remains engaged with China on the issue of trans-border rivers to safeguard our interest, including through an institutionalized Expert Level Mechanism which was established in 2006, as well as through diplomatic channels.

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## QUESTION NO.363 DAM ON BRAHMAPUTRA

February 03, 2021

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.363 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021

### DAM ON BRAHMAPUTRA

363, DR. DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether China is working on a proposal for constructing a big dam almost thirty Kilometers before Indian border on Brahmaputra river in Tibet and if so, the details

- (b) whether an assessment of loss in Indian region in future has been made in view of the water capacity of the dam and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said dam is a threat to India in the opinion of experts; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps to be taken to check the likely loss to India due to sudden release of water from the said dam proposed by China?

### ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (d) Government has taken note of reports regarding China's plans for hydropower development on the lower reaches of the Brahmaputra river.

Government carefully monitors all developments on the Brahmaputra river. As a lower riparian state, with considerable established user rights to the waters of the trans-border rivers, Government has consistently conveyed its views and concerns to the Chinese authorities and has urged them to ensure that the interests of downstream States are not harmed by any activities in upstream areas. The Chinese side has conveyed to us on several occasions that they are only undertaking runof-the-river hydropower projects, which do not involve diversion of the waters of the Brahmaputra,

Various issues relating to trans-border rivers are discussed with China under the ambit of an institutionalized Expert Level Mechanism which was established in 2006, as well as through diplomatic channels. We intend to remain engaged with China on the issue of trans-border rivers to safeguard our interests.



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महादम,

क्रमा के जाला अधिताल 2005 है तहरू निम्मिलिय जान भी जा धाई, इक्ट लिए 10 स्पर्न का पाट्य आर्टर देलान भर रहा है नि पना नैक्ट

- 2. नित की जोर में बहमाज नहीं पर बाँध बनाने की एकर पर क्या केई जोन मने। अक्री अब्त की मी भी। इन बबर की मुन्ह है किए बरकार में क्या कहा उदाने।
- 3. बिलाज मरी जोर भारत में बहुमपुत्र मरी में पानी में मान में अंजे इलोंड में पहुंचण आरे पानी माला पहने हैं म बोर में बरमार में मा पहला भी। माल जीम में आ बीर में चर्ची भी गई?
- 4, पिर्ले 5 नर्म में जीम ने भारतीय क्षेत्र में जित्र में