

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.278
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018

HYDROLOGICAL DATA OF BRAHMAPUTRA AND SATLUJ RIVERS

*278. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has shared the hydrological data for Brahmaputra and Satluj rivers, under India-China Expert-Level Mechanism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the current year; and
- (c) if not, the alternative steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 278 REGARDING “HYDROLOGICAL DATA OF BRAHMAPUTRA AND SATLUJ RIVERS” FOR ANSWER ON 14.03.2018

(a) to (c) Under existing bilateral Memorandums of Understanding, China provides to India hydrological information of Brahmaputra River (Yarlong Zangbo) and Sutlej River (Langqen Zangbo) during the flood seasons. The Chinese side did not provide the hydrological information with respect to either of the two rivers in 2017. This issue has been taken up with the Chinese side, who have conveyed that the non-provision of data was due to technical reasons.

Government continues to carefully monitor the water flow in trans-border rivers, including Brahmaputra and Sutlej Rivers, for early detection of any abnormality so that corrective and preventive measures are taken to safeguard livelihood of the people in these regions.

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.
