

**Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *207

TO BE ANSWERED ON

Wednesday, December 26, 2018/Pausha 5, 1940 (Saka)

QUESTION

Management of Water Resources

*207. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a high-level committee for proper management of the water resources in the North-Eastern Region (NER) under the chairmanship of Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the terms of reference of the committee?

ANSWER

**The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of
North Eastern Region**

[Dr. Jitendra Singh]

(a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *207 for answer on 26/12/2018.

(a) and (b) A High Level Committee for Proper Management of Water Resources in the North Eastern Region has been constituted with the following composition:

i)	Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog	Chairman
ii)	CEO, NITI Aayog	Member
iii)	Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region	Member
iv)	Secretary, Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
v)	Secretary, Department of Space	Member
vi)	Secretary, Ministry of Power	Member
vii)	Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation	Member
viii)	Member-Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority	Member
ix)	Chief Secretaries of North Eastern States	Member

On the request of Ministry of Home Affairs, Special Secretary (Internal Security), Ministry of Home Affairs was appointed as Member of the Committee in place of Secretary (Border Management), Ministry of Home Affairs. In pursuance to the decision taken in the first meeting of the High Level Committee held on 15.11.2017, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal was co-opted as Member of the Committee. In accordance with the decision taken in the second meeting of the High Level Committee held on 29.1.2018, Dr. Amarjeet Singh, former Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation and Chairperson, Inland Waterways Authority of India, were co-opted as special invitees to the Committee.

The Terms of Reference of the committee are as under:-

- i) Appraisal of existing mechanism/institutional arrangements for management of water resources of the North Eastern Region.
- ii) Identification of gaps in the existing mechanism/institutional arrangements for optimum management of water resources of the North Eastern Region.
- iii) Suggest policy interventions required for optimally harnessing the water resources for accelerating development in the North Eastern Region.
- iv) Spelling out of actionable measures required for optimizing the management of water resources in the North East.
- v) Chalking out a Plan of Action for dovetailing of schemes/programmes of concerned Union Ministries, their attached offices & autonomous bodies as well as the schemes of the respective North Eastern State Governments.
