

Industrial Corridor (DMIC) have been launched to develop infrastructure in India with Japan's assistance. In Prime Minister's interactions with leaders of Japan, the two sides exchanged views on bilateral relations, regional and international issues.

#### **Dam on Brahmaputra river**

1759. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any study of construction projects being planned/executed along the Brahmaputra river in the Tibet region by China as a part of its South North Water Diversion Project;

(b) if so, based on Government's assessment, the likely reduction in water flow to the river in India and its projected impact on the water availability in the North Eastern States as a consequence; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to raise India's concerns with China in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) to (c) Government has taken up this matter with the Chinese side, including during the visit of External Affairs Minister to China in April 2010. The Chinese Foreign Minister has conveyed that China has always taken a responsible attitude towards trans-border rivers. He further clarified that the construction at Zangmu is that of a small power project, which will not store water or regulate the volume of water, and therefore, will not have an adverse impact on the downstream areas. In this context on 18 November, 2010, the Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson has said that in developing cross-border water resources China acts as a responsible country and takes precaution with regard to impacts on the downstream areas. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's national interest and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

#### **Misuse of aid by Pakistan**

1760. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the aid provided by USA to Pakistan recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any protest has been lodged over the reported misutilization of the aid;

(d) if so, the reaction of the US Government thereto; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to safeguard Indian interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) Yes.