

**Diversion of river Brahmaputra**

1535. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of China's efforts to construct dams and diversion of the flow of Brahmaputra river in the Tibet; and

(b) if so, what measures are being thought of under the practices and procedures of international riverine laws to protect the Indian interest for normal and natural flow of water through the Brahmaputra river?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Government of India is aware of construction activity on Brahmaputra river at Zangmu on the Chinese side. Recently released 'Outline of the Twelfth Five Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development of the People's Republic of China' indicates that three more hydropower projects on the main stream of the Brahmaputra River in Tibet Autonomous Region have been approved for implementation by the Chinese Authorities. The above four projects are considered to be Run of the River (RoR) projects which do not store water. Government carefully monitors all developments on the Brahmaputra river.

(b) As per the general principle of international law in regard to use of shared international rivers/ watercourses, the riparian States concerned should utilise the river waters in an equitable and reasonable manner. Being a lower riparian state with considerable established user rights to the waters of the River, India has conveyed its views and concerns to the Chinese authorities, including at the highest levels of the Government of the People's Republic of China. India has urged China to ensure that the interests of downstream States are not harmed by any activities in upstream areas.

**Rainwater harvesting project**

1536. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rainwater harvesting projects implemented by the Central Government during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has adopted rainwater harvesting in Government buildings;