GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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ANSWERED ON-31.07.2014

Indus water treaty with Pakistan

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(a) whether it is a fact that broad based support exists for Indus water treaty in Pakistan;
(b) whether it is also a fact that there was a majority of opinion among the experts in Pakistan that India was entitled to its share of water, including building of dams;
(c) whether it is also a fact that only a minority view held that India was engaging in water aggression and was willfully not adhering to the Treaty in letter and spirit; and
(d) whether the Government has held any discussion with the Pakistan Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (c) India and Pakistan desirous of attaining the most complete and satisfactory utilisation of the waters of the Indus system of rivers and recognising the need of fixing the rights and obligations of each in relation to the other concerning the use of the Indus waters signed the Indus Water Treaty on 19 September, 1960.

The Treaty is a time tested framework for the sharing of waters of the Indus river system between India and Pakistan. India has always strictly adhered to both the letter and the spirit of the Indus Water Treaty.

(d) Under Article VIII of the Indus Water Treaty 1960 between India and Pakistan, both sides appoint a Commissioner for Indus Waters who together constitute the Permanent Indus Commission that is responsible to establish and maintain cooperative arrangements for the implementation of the Treaty. The last meeting (109th Meeting) of the Permanent Indus Commission took place from September 22-25, 2013 in New Delhi.

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