

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA
REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1363

ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023

WATER SHARING BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH

1363. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether water sharing agreements have been signed of the 54 rivers shared between India and Bangladesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the decisions taken with regards to the sharing of water between India and Bangladesh at the 38th Meeting of the Ministerial level Joint Rivers Commission of India and Bangladesh in 2022; and
- (c) the next proposed date for the Meeting of Ministerial level Joint Rivers Commission of India and Bangladesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) India and Bangladesh have signed a Treaty on sharing of the Ganga/Ganges waters at Farakka (West Bengal) in the year 1996. The two countries have also signed following Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) -

- i. MoU signed on 05.10.2019 on withdrawal of 1.82 cusec of water from Feni river by India for drinking water supply scheme for Sabroom town of Tripura, India.
- ii. MoU signed on 06.09.2022 on withdrawal of upto 153 cusec of water each by India and Bangladesh from common border river Kushiya,

(b) The text of MoU on water sharing of Kushiya river was finalised at the 38th Meeting of the Ministerial level Joint Rivers Commission of India and Bangladesh held in August 2022 at New Delhi. Further, during this meeting, it was also decided that the intake well (for withdrawal of 1.82 cusec water from Feni river for drinking water supply scheme for Sabroom Town of Tripura, India) may be constructed as per the jointly finalised layout & design and monitored by the concerned Chief Engineers of both the countries.

(c) The date of next meeting of the Ministerial level Joint Rivers Commission of India and Bangladesh has not been finalized.
