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**Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Water
Resources, the Republic of India and the Ministry of Water
Resources, the People's Republic of China Upon Provision of
Hydrological Information of the Yaluzangbu / Brahmaputra
River in Flood Season by China to India**

The Ministry of Water Resources, the Republic of India and the Ministry of Water Resources, the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the "two parties") have negotiated and agreed that China will provide hydrological information service in upstream section of the Yaluzangbu river to India in order to meet the demand of flood control and disaster mitigation in downstream of the Yaluzangbu/Brahmaputra river. The two parties have the following agreement:

1. The two parties agree that based on friendly cooperation, mutual benefit, good faith and equality, the Chinese side will provide hydrological information of Yaluzangbu/Brahmaputra river in flood season to the Indian side in accordance with existing international conventions.
2. The three Chinese hydrological stations, which will provide hydrological information - in flood season to India, include Nugesha (East Longitude 89°42'; North Latitude 29°21'), Yangcun (East Longitude 91°52', North Latitude 29°16') and Nuxia (East Longitude 94°34', North Latitude 29°28') stations, lying on the mainstream of the Yaluzangbu river.
3. The Chinese side agrees that China will provide India with information of water level, discharge and rainfall of 8:00 and 20:00 (Beijing Time) twice a day from June 1st to October 15th each year in respect of above stations as at Article - 2 after signing of the Implementation Plan of Provision of Hydrological Information in Flood Season. The Chinese side also agrees to provide hydrological information if water levels exceed mutually agreed levels during the non-flood season.

4. Both sides agree to identify costs involved and discuss the modalities for apportioning the expenditure involved in the Work Implementation Plan.

5. The Chinese side agrees to provide water level, discharge and rainfall data of earlier years (10 years) during flood season in respect of the three stations as indicated in Article 2 above for development of correlation curves.

6. The Chinese side agrees to provide documents relating to the catchment area of the Yaluzangbu river and the historical information as available on occurrence of floods and natural disasters.

7. The Chinese side agrees to provide information on any abnormal rise/fall in the water level/discharge and other information which might lead to sudden floods on the basis of existing monitoring and data collection facilities on a real time basis after signing of the Implementation Plan of Provision of Hydrological Information.

8. After the Chinese side has built additional hydrological stations on the Palongzangbu and Langqinzangbu rivers in the future, both sides will continue to discuss the possibility of providing hydrological information during flood season by China to India.

9. The implementing agency of the Indian side is the Central Water Commission, Ministry of Water Resources, India and the implementing agency of the Chinese side is the Bureau of Hydrology and Water Resources, Tibet Autonomous Region of China.

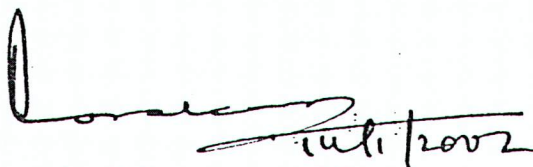
10. The implementing agencies will discuss and finalise the Implementation Plan of Provision of Hydrological Information. The major content of the Implementation Plan include technical details of provision of hydrological information, data transmission method, cost settlement and so on.

11. Signing of the MOU is to be followed by the finalisation of the Implementation Plan.

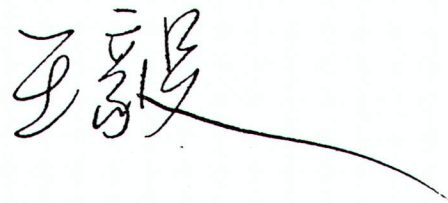
12. The MOU shall become effective from the day of its signature by the duly authorised representatives of the two parties and shall remain in force for a period of five years and be renewed thereafter for a further period with mutual consent. The MOU can be amended and modified with mutual agreement.

13. Any party has the right to terminate the MOU before the expiry of the MOU. The MOU will be terminated on the ninetieth day when one party has notified the other party by written notice.

Signed at New Delhi on this day of 14 January, 2002, in duplicate in the Hindi, Chinese and English languages and all texts are equally authentic.



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