

## Teepaimukh Dam And The Un Convention On Non-Navigable Watercourses



EDM number 2815 in 2010-12, proposed by [John Hemming](#) on [05/03/2012](#).

That this House notes the construction work that has commenced on the Teepaimukh Dam; expresses concern that this could cause considerable problems for people living in that area of India and also downstream in Bangladesh, particularly in the Sylhet region; further notes that India has not complied with the 1997 UN Convention on non-navigable watercourses; and calls for work on constructing the dam to cease, for the Indian government to comply with the UN Convention and enter into discussions with Bangladesh and for the UK Government to act as appropriate in support of the Convention.

This motion has been signed by a total of 12 MPs.

MP	Date	Constituency	Party	Type
<a href="#">John Hemming</a>	<a href="#">05/03/2012</a>	Birmingham, Yardley	<a href="#">Liberal Democrat</a>	Proposed
<a href="#">Alan Meale</a>	<a href="#">05/03/2012</a>	Mansfield	<a href="#">Labour</a>	Seconded
<a href="#">Mark Durkan</a>	<a href="#">05/03/2012</a>	Foyle	<a href="#">Social Democratic and Labour Party</a>	Seconded
<a href="#">Mike Hancock</a>	<a href="#">05/03/2012</a>	Portsmouth South	<a href="#">Liberal Democrat</a>	Seconded

<u>Lorely Burt</u>	<u>05/03/2012</u>	Solihull	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>	Seconded
<u>David Simpson</u>	<u>06/03/2012</u>	Upper Bann	<u>DUP</u>	Seconded
<u>Jonathan Edwards</u>	<u>06/03/2012</u>	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	<u>Plaid Cymru</u>	Signed
<u>John Leech</u>	<u>06/03/2012</u>	Manchester, Withington	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>	Signed
<u>Jeremy Corbyn</u>	<u>06/03/2012</u>	Islington North	<u>Labour</u>	Signed
<u>Martin Caton</u>	<u>06/03/2012</u>	Gower	<u>Labour</u>	Signed
<u>Bob Russell</u>	<u>06/03/2012</u>	Colchester	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>	Signed
<u>Ronnie Campbell</u>	<u>07/03/2012</u>	Blyth Valley	<u>Labour</u>	Signed

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Dear Dr Hussein,

Thank you for your letter to the Deputy Prime Minister about India and Bangladesh. I am replying as Assistant Desk Officer for India at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

We acknowledge the concerns many people have about the Tipaimukh Dam. We are encouraged by discussions between India, Bangladesh and others in the region sharing the Ganges, Indus and Brahmaputra rivers and their tributaries through the South Asia Water Initiative. However, a final settlement is for India and Bangladesh to resolve and we have not been approached by either government to support negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Harrison  
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From the Direct Communications Unit

9 March 2012

Dr Hasanat Husain  
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Dear Dr Husain

I am writing on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister to thank you for your recent email. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

It is good of you to take the time to write to Mr Clegg. I hope you will understand that as the points you raise are a matter for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, he has asked me to forward your correspondence to them so that they may respond directly.

Thank you, once again, for writing to the Deputy Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. M. Clegg', written in a cursive style.

Correspondence Officer



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**Birmingham City Council**

6 March 2012

**FAO: Dr Hasanat Hussain**

Dear Dr Hussain

**Meeting with Andrew Mitchell MP  
Secretary of State for International Development**

Jahid Choudhry and I write to invite you to a meeting with Andrew Mitchell MP to discuss the issues around the Tipaimuk Dam on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 5.25pm located at his offices address: 36 High Street, Sutton Coldfield B72 1UP.

This is an important meeting and I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Ayoub Khan  
Cabinet Member – Local Services & Community Safety