

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †91
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2017

WATER SUPPLY FROM BHAKRA MAIN LINE

†91. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bhakra main line was built with the object to augment the water flux to Sutlej river, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the concerned States were to be provided Ravi-Beas water through Bhakra main line, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantity of water being supplied to Rajasthan from this line;
- (d) whether the said quantity is in accordance with the agreement signed between the concerned States, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken/to be taken by the Government to tackle the situation and provide due share of water to all the concerned States including the present status of the matter?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a) No, Madam. Bhakra Main Line (BML) was constructed to deliver Sutlej water to Punjab (undivided) and Rajasthan as per Bhakra Nangal Agreement of 13th January, 1959.
- (b) There was no provision for Ravi-Beas water to be carried through BML, when the Bhakra-Nangal Project was conceived. However, after completion of Beas Sutlej Link Project, as the waters of river Beas were transferred to Sutlej and were also available in Bhakra reservoir, the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan reached an agreement on 31st December, 1981 regarding allocation of surplus flows of rivers Ravi and Beas over and above the pre-partition use. Subsequently, Government of India vide order dated 15.01.1982, fixed 0.17 MAF of Ravi-Beas water to be provided through BML for Rajasthan, once BML is restored to its original capacity of 12,500 Cusecs.
- (c) The quantity of water supplied to Rajasthan via Haryana since year 2011-12, is placed as Annexure.
- (d) No, Madam. Due to non-implementation of agreement of 1981 and non-completion of SYL Project, the delivery at Head BML is restricted. However releases are being made as per requirement/share of the partner States deliberated in the Technical Committee Meeting(s) as per availability in reservoirs.
- (e) The matters related to construction of SYL Canal and delivery of 0.17 MAF of Ravi-Beas waters to Rajasthan Ex-Nangal via BML are subjudice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

**Annexure referred to in reply to Part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 91
due for answer on 02.02.2017 regarding Water Supply from Bhakra Main Line**

POSITION OF WATER SUPPLIED TO RAJASTHAN VIA HARYANA

YEAR	PERIOD	Share	Deliveries	Excess/ Shortage
2011-2012	FILLING	89436	83943	(-)5493
	DEPLETION	119769	142306	22537
	TOTAL	209205	226249	17044
2012-2013	FILLING	86421	73494	(-)12927
	DEPLETION	99897	129316	29419
	TOTAL	186318	202810	16492
2013-2014	FILLING	89709	84406	(-)5303
	DEPLETION	107942	130257	22315
	TOTAL	197651	214663	17012
2014-2015	FILLING	84512	74382	(-)10130
	DEPLETION	97487	137250	39763
	TOTAL	181999	211632	29633
2015-2016	FILLING	80774	76082	(-)4692
	DEPLETION	109656	142999	33343
	TOTAL	190430	219081	28651
2016-17	FILLING	88977	74332	(-)14645
	DEPLETION upto Dec. 2016	40771	58393	17622
	TOTAL	129748	132725	2977

Note:-

- (1) All figures are in cusec days.
- (2) Filling period is from 21st May to 20th September and depletion period is from 21st September to 20th May of subsequent year.