

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*71
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021

CAPACITY OF INDIRA GANDHI FEEDER

†*71. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the capacity of headworks of Indira Gandhi Feeder at Harike is 15000 cusecs whereas the designed capacity of Indira Gandhi Feeder is 18500 cusecs and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is proposed to increase the capacity of Head regulator of Indira Gandhi Feeder for the better use of the capacity of Indira Gandhi Feeder and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken up/proposes to take up the matter with the State Government of Punjab;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. †*71 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2021 REGARDING “CAPACITY OF INDIRA GANDHI FEEDER” ASKED BY SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL, HON’BLE MP.

(a) & (e) The Head Regulator of Indira Gandhi Feeder at Harike was designed and constructed with a capacity of 15,000 cusecs. Subsequently, the Indira Gandhi Feeder, was constructed with a designed capacity of 18,500 cusecs. The matter of increasing the capacity of head regulator of Indira Gandhi Feeder for the better use of the capacity of Indira Gandhi Feeder had been under discussion between Ministry of Jal Shakti with both the states and also between the two states.

The matter was discussed between Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Rajasthan and Punjab on 25 July 2019 wherein it was decided the Chief Engineers of both the states will inspect the Harike Head Works to find out its technical feasibility. In compliance to decision taken in the bilateral meeting, a joint inspection of Chief Engineers of Rajasthan and Punjab was held on 30 July 2019.

It has been concluded that due to limited area available at site, construction of additional bay in the head regulator of Indira Gandhi Feeder is not feasible. However, the enhanced discharge of 18500 cusecs through head regulator of Indira Gandhi Feeder can pass through the existing structure by increasing pond level by 1.0 ft. and construction of additional bays in the head regulator of Rajasthan Feeder had not been found to be advisable.

Since the matter has been resolved bilaterally, there seems to be no need for any further intervention by the Union Government at present.
