

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA
REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2681
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022
INDIRA GANDHI FEEDER CANAL

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the headworks of Indira Gandhi Feeder at Harike has a capacity of 15000 cusecs whereas the designed capacity of this feeder is 18500 cusecs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the capacity of Indira Gandhi Feeder could be utilised in a better way by enhancing capacity of headworks at Harike by which Churu, Jhunjhunu, Sikar, Sri Ganganagar and Bikaner regions of Rajasthan could get their share of water;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to give its opinion to the Government of Punjab for enhancing capacity of head regulator of India Gandhi Feeder to 18500 cusecs from the existing 15000 cusecs so that water wastage during floods could be stopped; and
- (f) if so, the time by which it is to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (f) The Head Regulator of Indira Gandhi Feeder at Harike was designed and constructed 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 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.
