

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1929

ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

UNAVAILABILITY OF IRRIGATION WATER

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the recent hunger strikes and protests by farmers of Sri Ganganagar on the issue of unavailability of irrigation water in Gangnagar as per the allocated share and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the availability of irrigation water in the Gangnagar as per the allocated share;
- (c) whether the Government is considering any action plan to address such irrigation water shortage issues in Sri Ganganagar in the future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (d) Protests and hunger strikes by the farmers of Sri Ganganagar have been reported for supply of allocated irrigation water in Gang Canal. As per the State Government of Rajasthan, the actual supply in Gang canal was lower than the allocated share in June, 2025, attributed primarily to the reduced capacity of the Ferozepur Feeder Canal, which feeds the Gang Canal. To address this, this Ministry along with both the State Governments are coordinating the efforts.

A project for relining/rehabilitation of the Ferozepur Feeder Canal has been proposed by the State Government. Advisory Committee of Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation on irrigation, flood control and multipurpose project has considered and accepted the project in its 158th meeting held on 24.04.2025.
