

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4767

ANSWERED ON 21.08.2025

REPAIR OF BHAKRA CANAL SYSTEM

4767. KUMARI SELJA:

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

- (a) the measures being planned/undertaken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted and equitable water supply to Haryana in future;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the damage caused to farmers and local residents in Haryana due to reduction in water supply and if so, the details thereof along with the compensation, if any, provided/to be provided in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to prevent recurrence of such issues in future and to ensure timely maintenance and repair of the Bhakra Canal system?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (c) Irrigation water in Haryana is supplied through three main systems: WJC System and Bhakra System i.e. Tail BML System & BML-Barwala Link System. Haryana Government prepares Rotational Programme keeping in view the availability of water, irrigation requirements of different areas and the need to provide assured supplies up to the tail end farmers. All the channels in Haryana under the Bhakra Canal System are operated strictly as per the approved Rotational Programme of the Haryana Government, in order to ensure equitable and judicious distribution of water to all stakeholders. Routine inspection, timely repair and rehabilitation of the channels and other structures, are carried out by Haryana Government from time to time to avoid any disruption in supplies. Also, critical spots are identified and repaired in BML and Narwana Branch canal by doing joint inspection by Punjab and Haryana authorities before onset of Monsoon season.

Further, a committee under the Chairmanship of Member (Irrigation), BBMB has been constituted comprising members from partner states, Central Water Commission (CWC) as well as from BBMB in order to resolve/address the issue of share/distribution of water to partner states in Nangal Hydel Channel (NHC) and Bhakra Main Line (BML) subject to safe carrying capacity.

(b) During the months of March–April, 2025, when supplies were less, the deliveries were managed by Haryana Government in accordance with the approved rotational program and priority was accorded to meet the drinking water requirements, since there was no demand for irrigation water during this period, there was no adverse impact on irrigation needs.
