

Water for paddy crops

†3017. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been an acute shortage of water and electricity this year which has affected the farmers of Haryana;
- (b) the measures taken by Government to provide adequate quantum of water for paddy crops;
- (c) the quantum of electricity supplied to the farmers of Haryana; and
- (d) the measures being taken by Government to accelerate water flow in the canals of Haryana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) There has been shortage of water in June and July, 2009 due to scanty rainfall. Also there is an overall shortage of power in the country in all the States including Haryana both in terms of energy and peaking power.

(b) Water being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, development, funding, execution and management of all type of water resources projects to harness and manage the water resources within the States rests with the concerned State Governments. The Government of Haryana has taken measures to operate the channels of Western Yamuna Canal System in 5 Groups instead of 4 Groups last year to provide adequate water for paddy crops.

(c) Electricity is a concurrent subject. The distribution and supply of power in the State to various categories of consumers including agriculture come under the purview of State Government/State Power Utilities. The Central Government may supplement the efforts of the State Government by setting up generating stations through Central Public Sector Undertakings. In view of the dry weather and prevailing shortage of power in Haryana, additional assistance of 50 MW from the Central Generating Stations was given to Haryana on 9th July, 2009 which was subsequently enhanced to 100 MW *w.e.f* 15th July, 2009. Presently Haryana has about 1418 MW allocation from the Central Generating stations.

(d) Haryana Irrigation Department is in constant touch with Bhakra-Beas Management Board Authorities to get maximum water supply during this period. All the channels have been got cleared to accelerate water flow in the canal system of Haryana.

Irrigation projects for Andhra Pradesh

3018. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh proposed to Centre to take up certain irrigation projects in State as national projects;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) the policy of Centre in such matters;

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