

(a) whether it is a fact that during the monsoon of 2010-11, catchment area of Bhakra Dam had incessant and heavy rainfall and due to this Gobind Sagar's water level crossed the danger mark;

(b) if so, how many times during this period the escapes of Bhakra Dam were opened for release of over flowing waters; and

(c) whether this quantum of excess water goes waste or it is channelized in down stream canals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the monsoon of 2010-11, the spillway gates of Bhakra dam were opened for three times to avoid overtopping of the dam.

(c) The quantum of water released from Bhakra dam had gone waste downstream of Ferozepur headworks after meeting with the requirement of Partner States at Ropar and Harike headworks.

Rajasthan's share of Yamuna Water from Okhla

†2005. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan is not getting its prescribed share of water of Yamuna river from Okhla;

(b) the action being taken by Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB) for providing full share of water to the State; and

(c) the action taken, so far, to under take the control of Head Works and to provide water at the State's border in accordance with the working system of UYRB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Rajasthan is not getting its prescribe share of water of Yamuna river from Okhla due to alleged unauthorized lifting of water by farmers of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in the respective territories of these States.

(b) The issue of providing full share of water to Rajasthan, including Haryana's proposal for the construction of Yamuna Churu Canal from Mawi, has been discussed in various meeting of Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB) for its resolution. Member Secretary, UYRB undertook an inspection of Gurgaon canal upto Rajasthan border in June, 2010, following the complaints from Rajasthan and recommended certain measures for improving the situation.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) So far, the situation has not arisen for UYRB to undertake the control of Head works and as stated earlier, the Board has recommended certain measures for improving the situation.

Availability of Water in Desert Development Programme Area

†2006. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the situation of water availability in Desert Development Programme (DDP) area is very grave due to abnormal and sporadic rainfall in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether Government's view is to provide irrigation facility to these areas on priority basis in order to stop the expansion of desert in these areas;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide 90 per cent Central assistance for DDP areas under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP); and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) Yes Sir,

(c) Yes Sir, This has been done for specific projects only.

(d) Union Cabinet has granted specific approval for providing 90% grant assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to two projects of Punjab benefitting Rajasthan namely Refining of Rajasthan Feeder channel from RD 179000 to RD 496000 and Refining of Sirhind Feeder channel from RD 119700 to RD 447929 and one project of Karnataka namely Modernization of Bhadra.

Subarnarekha Irrigation Project

2007. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has earmarked time limit for completion of Subarnarekha Irrigation Project;

(b) the total funds allocated for the project;

(c) whether several families have been displaced for this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether financial assistance have been provided to such families for their rehabilitation?

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