

Irrigation water for Rajasthan and Punjab

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to **state**:

(a) whether there has been a drop in the quantity of water received for irrigation purpose for Rajasthan and Punjab;

(b) if so, the details of water utilization in Rajasthan and Punjab for irrigation for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether the quantity of irrigation water received by Rajasthan and Punjab would be maintained every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Information provided by the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), which decides periodical releases to, *inter alia*, the States of Rajasthan and Punjab, indicates a fluctuating trend in supplies to these States from Sutlej and Ravi-Beas water as under:-

Position of water supplied to Rajasthan and Punjab out of Sutlej and Ravi-Beas waters for the years 2001-02 to 2003-04 (year reckoned from 21st May to 20th May)

(Quantities in Million Acre Feet)

Year	Quantity of water supplied to Rajasthan			Quantity of water supplied to Punjab		
	Sutlej	Ravi-Beas	Total	Sutlej	Ravi-Beas	Total
2001-02	0.891	7.062	7.953	5.718	6.538	12.256
2002-03	0.734	5.989	6.723	6.323	6.033	12.356
2003-04	1.093	6.758	7.851	7.086	7.315	14.401

(c) It will depend on water availability in the reservoirs which in turn is dependant on hydro-meteorological parameters, respective shares of the States, indents placed by the respective States on BBMB for water supplies etc.