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Project to increase capacity of canal stuck in legal battle

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The project to increase the capacity of the augmentation canal from Hamida head in Yamunanagar to Picholia head up to Western Yamuna Canal Karnal, is stuck again and this time in a legal battle. Earlier, it could not be started due to delay in providing around 110 hectares for afforestation.

As per sources, two agencies have approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court, challenging the allotment of the project.

The Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Haryana, has started the process of increasing the capacity from the existing 4,500 cusecs to 6,000 cusecs to ensure additional discharge of water in southern districts of the state under the "remodeling and rehabilitation of the augmentation canal for increasing its capacity" project. Around 55km of canal was to be remodeled from Indri to Munak in Karnal district.

Under the budget of NABARD, the project, costing around Rs 490 crore, was approved by the standing technical committee on August 23, 2017 and the ten-



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der process was called on January 1, 2021. The purpose of the project to ensure maximum water during the lean period to southern part of Haryana. The project was to be completed in two-years, said an official.

The work was allotted in April, 2021, but two agencies went to the High Court and challenged the allotment of

tender, he added.

He maintained that the agency assigned for the project had started the work and had completed around 1-km stretch, but now the work has come to standstill due to litigation. "There is a litigation pending in the High Court, so I cannot comment on it much," said Navtej Singh, XEN, Irrigation Department.

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South Bengal dists to get rains from Dec 4 to 6: MeT

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA: The Regional Meteorological Centre in Alipore predicted rainfall in various South Bengal districts from Friday to Monday while the coastal areas will receive a heavy-to-very heavy rainfall due to the impact of a cyclonic circulation yet to intensify in Andaman Sea.

"A low pressure has formed along the coastline of Thailand which will move towards Andaman Sea and will intensify into a cyclonic circulation as a result a strong breeze measuring around 40-60 kmph will sweep through various south Bengal districts in the weekend," a weather official said, adding "on December 3, the districts like West Midnapore, East Midnapore, North 24-Parganas, South 24-Parganas, Jhargram and Howrah will receive light rainfall. Almost all the districts of south Bengal will receive light to moderate rainfall on December 4 while the coastal districts are expected to witness a heavy to

very heavy rainfall."

The districts like North 24-Parganas, South 24-Parganas, Howrah, Jhargram, East Midnapore and West Midnapore will receive maximum rainfall on December 4. The intensity of rainfall will be increased on December 5 and will continue in various south Bengal districts till December 6, said the weather official.

The MeT office had earlier predicted rainfall in south Bengal districts in the first week of December due to a low pressure. People have been witnessing cold weather in the early morning and late night hours. The temperature soars up as the day progresses. Many of

the south Bengal districts have also been witnessing partially cloudy skies in the past few days.

The city registered the lowest temperature at 18.3 degree Celsius on Tuesday which is 1 degree higher than yesterday's temperature. The steady flow of cold north wind is interrupted due to low pressure conditions pushing the temperature up in the daytime. The sky will remain mostly clear in the next 48 hours in the city. The city may register its highest temperature around 28 degree Celsius in the next 24 hours. The winter will set in after the impact of low pressure is over, said the official.



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WARNINGS ISSUED FOR FRIDAY-SUNDAY

‘Cyclonic storm likely to hit Odisha, AP coasts on Sat’

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI/BHUBANESWAR: A cyclonic storm is likely to hit the coasts of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha on Saturday morning, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday.

It said a low pressure lay over south Thailand and its neighbourhood at 8.30 am, which is likely to emerge into the Andaman Sea during the next 12 hours.

"Thereafter, it is likely to move west-northwestwards and concentrate into a depression over southeast and adjoining east-central Bay of Bengal by December 2 and intensify into a cyclonic storm over the central parts of the Bay of Bengal during the subsequent 24 hours," an IMD statement said.

It is then likely to move northwestwards, intensify further and reach north Andhra Pradesh-Odisha coasts around Saturday morning.



It is likely that the northeastern states also experience enhanced rainfall activity on December 5-6, with isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall, the IMD said

The Met office predicted "heavy to very heavy rainfall and extremely heavy rainfall" at isolated places over coastal Odisha and "heavy to very heavy" rain at isolated places over adjoining interior districts of the state, coastal districts of West Bengal and north coastal

Andhra Pradesh.

"It is likely that the northeastern states also experience enhanced rainfall activity on December 5-6, with isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall owing to the likely northeastward movement of the remnant of the system during the

same period," the IMD said.

Elaborating on the system's movement in Odisha and its impact, IMD DG Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said, "Though it will be near the Odisha and north Andhra Pradesh coast on December 4 morning, it will not make landfall immediately. The system will gradually move in north-north east direction."

A clear picture on the rainfall activity, wind speed and landfall will be available only after the Lobar (low pressure area) turns into a depression, he said.

The DG said IMD has issued warnings for Friday-Sunday, and fishermen are advised not to venture into the sea after Thursday.

He said winds with 40-50 kmph speed is likely to prevail along the Odisha coast from Friday, and the velocity will increase gradually. During the cyclonic storm, it is likely to be within 60-90 kmph.

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'Mullaperiyar water let out without warning'

Kerala protests
early-morning
release from dam

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Residents of towns and villages downstream of the Mullaperiyar Dam in Kerala were caught unawares early on Tuesday as over 5,000 cu-secs of water was released into the Periyar river from the reservoir, which reached the

upper rule level of 142 ft at midnight.

Kerala has accused Tamil Nadu of releasing water at odd hours without sufficient warning. The dam in Idukki district of Kerala is under the control of the Tamil Nadu government.

Nine of the 13 spillway shutters of the dam were raised from 2.30 a.m. to 8 a.m. releasing 5,961.16 cu-secs, into the Periyar, the highest volume of water dis-

charged so far this year.

Following the heavy rain-fall on the catchment area, the dam level rose to 141.90 ft at 9 p.m. on Monday. The water reached the upper rule level of 142 ft at midnight and Tamil Nadu opened two spillway shutters to 30 cm each at 3 a.m. At 4 a.m., two more shutters were also opened and another three shutters at 5.30 a.m., 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. respectively. At 7.30 a.m. two

more shutters were opened and at 8 a.m. three shutters were raised to 60 cm each.

Kerala Water Resources Minister Roshy Augustine said releasing large quantities of surplus water during the late hours could hit rescue and rehabilitation efforts. The main towns affected in the flood included Vallakadavu, Vandiperiyar, Chappathu and Upputhara.

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Mullaperiyar water let out without alert: Kerala



Sudden scare: A swollen Periyar at Vallakadavu after the Mullaperiyar dam shutters were opened. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

According to sources, this was the third time this year that Tamil Nadu opened the spillway shutters after 10 p.m.

The water in the river rose around three feet and the level recorded at Vandiperiyar flood monitoring station rose to 794.05 metres, only 15 cm lower than the 'warning level'. Though there was no cause for concern presently, the State Government will formally convey its protest in this regard to the Central

Water Commission, the chairman of the Supervisory Committee as well as the Tamil Nadu Government to avoid such a scenario in future, Mr. Augustine said.

In a statement, Tamil Nadu Water Resources Minister Duraimurugan said as per the Supreme Court direction, once the dam strengthening work is completed, the water level in the dam could be increased to 152 feet.

(With inputs from Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai)

Business Line- 01- December-2021

Govt may tweak draft policy to treat commercial farming at par with industry

'Distinction has to be made on water-intensive cultivation'

OUR BUREAU

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The government is set to reconsider its Draft National Water Policy that will treat water-guzzling commercial farming at par with industry as far as prioritisation for its use is concerned, following the success of free foodgrain distribution scheme that has 93-94 per cent off-take.

Under the draft policy, drinking water gets the top priority followed by agriculture. However, a distinction has been made on water-intensive commercial farming with a recommendation that "it must progressively adopt water-saving technologies."

"It is true that paddy is a water-intensive crop. But it is



Drinking water gets top priority followed by agriculture

also true that due to the stock available with the government, it has been able to distribute the rice/wheat free-of-cost under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) to 80 crore people," said an official.

It is not practical to equate water-guzzling crops at par with industry and charge them accordingly, the official said, adding that the draft might be reviewed and tweaked before it is finalised.

The Cabinet last week extended the PMGKAY for free distribution of foodgrains to

the below poverty line population by four months until March 31.

Need radical change

"Irrigation water consumption takes up 80-90 per cent of India's water use, of which around 80 per cent is consumed by just three crops – rice, wheat and sugarcane," the draft policy said. "Without a radical change in this pattern of water demand, basic water needs of millions of people, for drinking water or protective irrigation, cannot be met," it said and recommended the government to align its structure of incentives and investments in crop value chain development with the need for crop diversification.

Though the government runs the crop diversification programme, it has become a non-starter with the increase in procurement of rice and wheat. The official purchases

of rice under Central Pool stocks has increased to 49 per cent of production in 2020-21, up from 30 per cent in 2013-14. Similarly, in the case of wheat, the share of procurement in production has gone up to 40 per cent from 29 per cent during the last eight years.

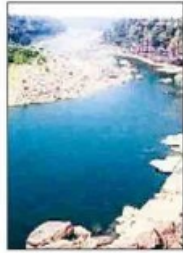
In the case of sugarcane, farmers are undeterred in raising production despite the outcry over arrears as mills delay clearing the dues due to a glut in sugar output.

"The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) has been recommending for years to change the current procurement policy that favours rice and wheat over other crops. But it is a difficult decision to take politically. It has become more difficult after the repeal of farm laws," said an expert. Hopefully, the next committee to be formed on agri reforms may help resolve this vexed issue, he added.

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मप्र-यूपी के बीच विवाद सुलझा केन-बेतवा लिंक परियोजना को मिलेगी आज मंजूरी!

भोपाल। मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश के सबसे पिछड़े इलाके बुंदेलखंड के लिए अच्छी खबर है। मप्र यूपी के बीच केन बेतवा लिंक परियोजना



से जुड़े सभी गतिरोध खत्म हो गए हैं। मोदी कैबिनेट की बुधवार को होने वाली बैठक में इसे मंजूरी मिल सकती है। कैबिनेट की मंजूरी मिलते ही दिसंबर में पीएम नरेन्द्र मोदी

परियोजना की शुरुआत कर सकते हैं। 2005 से कागजों में दौड़ रही केन बेतवा लिंक परियोजना मप्र और **►► शेष पेज 10 पर**

दिसंबर में हो सकता है काम शुरू: सिलावट

प्रदेश के जल संसाधन मंत्री तुलसीराम सिलावट ने बताया कि बुधवार को मोदी कैबिनेट में केन बेतवा लिंक परियोजना से जुड़ा प्रस्ताव लाया जा सकता है। इसके लिए राज्य सरकार ने अपना प्रस्ताव केंद्र सरकार को भेज दिया है। जल संसाधन मंत्री का कहना है मोदी कैबिनेट **►► शेष पेज 10 पर**

केन-बेतवा लिंक...

यूपी के बीच पानी के बंटवारे को लेकर लंबे समय से अधर में लटकी हुई थी। बीते दिनों दिल्ली में मप्र और यूपी के साथ केंद्रीय मंत्री की बैठक के बाद सभी गतिरोध खत्म कर दिये गए थे। अब परियोजना शुरू करने की राह आसान होती हुई दिखाई दे रही है।

दिसंबर में हो सकता...

में मंजूरी के बाद जल्द ही इसकी शुरुआत होगी। दिसंबर में पीएम मोदी उत्तर प्रदेश से इस योजना की शुरुआत कर सकते हैं। बैठक में यूपी के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ और प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान शामिल होंगे। फिलहाल जगह तय नहीं है। लेकिन यूपी के किसी बुंदेलखंड क्षेत्र से इसकी शुरुआत हो सकती है।

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सिंधु नदी बेसिन में 8 छोटी पनबिजली परियोजनाओं को केंद्र ने दी मंजूरी



नई दिल्ली, 29 नवंबर (सवेरा): केंद्र ने सिंधु नदी बेसिन में आठ लघु पनबिजली परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दी है। इनमें से 7 केंद्र शासित क्षेत्र लद्दाख और एक केंद्र शासित क्षेत्र जम्मू-कश्मीर में है। जल शक्ति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री बिश्वेश्वर टूडू ने राज्यसभा में एक लिखित प्रश्न के उत्तर में बताया कि लद्दाख की 7 परियोजनाएं केवल पनबिजली उत्पादन के लिए हैं। इनमें

● लद्दाख की 7 परियोजनाएं केवल पनबिजली उत्पादन के लिए

सिंचाई सुविधा का कोई पहलू नहीं है। जम्मू-कश्मीर क्षेत्र में स्थापित होने वाली 10.50 मैगावाट की रतन नाग परियोजना में सिंचाई सुविधाएं सृजित करने का भी प्रावधान होगा। इससे किश्तवाड़ जिले में सिंचाई सुविधा का विस्तार होगा। लद्दाख क्षेत्र में स्वीकृत दुर्बाकशियोक पनबिजली परियोजना की क्षमता 19 मैगावाट होगी। इस पर 272.03 करोड़ रुपये की लागत आएगी और इसका काम 30 महीने में पूरा किया जाना है। इसी तरह सांकू परियोजना की क्षमता ● शेष पृष्ठ 4 पर

सिंधु नदी बेसिन में...

18.50 मे.वा., अनुमानित लागत व 260.41 करोड़ रुपये और अनुमानित निर्माण अवधि 30 माह है। निम्न चिल्लिंग परियोजना की क्षमता 24.00 मे.वा. लागत व 522.53 करोड़ रुपये और निर्माण अवधि 54 माह अनुमानित है। रोंगडा परियोजना (12 मे.वा.) 123.70 करोड़ रुपये में लगेगी और इसे 48 माह में पूरा करने का लक्ष्य है। जम्मू-कश्मीर में सिंचाई क्षमता वाली रतन नाग ताप बिजली परियोजना से 10.50 मे.वा. बिजली प्राप्त होगी। इसे 315.73 करोड़ रुपये से 48 माह में पूरा किया जाना है।