

## AP TO RAISE DRAWAL OF KRISHNA WATER BY TS FOR POWER

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The Andhra Pradesh government would raise the issue of the Telangana government drawing water from Nagarjunasagar dam for hydel power generation – an alleged violation of norms — at the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) meet on May 6.

Andhra Pradesh water resources department engineer-in-chief Narayana Reddy said, “Despite our request to KRMB to prevail upon the Telangana government not to resort to release of water from the Nagarjunasagar project for power generation, Telangana has been doing so.

We are going to raise the issue once again at the KRMB meeting, so as to stop the drawal of water from the project and avoid a water crisis for both drinking and irrigation needs in parts of AP during the summer.”

Telangana continues to draw 4,000-5,000 cusecs of water from the Nagarjunasagar dam to generate hydel power, causing concern to AP vis-a-vis availability of water to meet the drinking and irrigation needs of the people in the erstwhile Guntur and Prakasam districts.

**Spiralling water crisis in Bundelkhand**

# '4,250 water bodies vanished in 10 yrs'

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**A**mid the raging debate over the prevailing water crisis in Bundelkhand in this scorching summer, the dossiers of the Uttar Pradesh Government show that over 4,000 water bodies have 'vanished' in the last one decade from this rugged region.

"This is official that over 4,250 water bodies have disappeared in the last one decade. But how all this happened no one knows. The District Magistrates and Tehsildars of all the seven districts of Bundelkhand could not explain where these water bodies have gone," a senior official in the Revenue department told *The Pioneer* here recently.

In 1950, Bundelkhand had 21,785 water bodies out of the 8,75,435 water bodies in the State but gradually this number has come down. By the year 2016, 4,020 water bodies had vanished from Bundelkhand — 151 in Chitrakoot, 869 in Banda, 541 in Hamirpur and

2,459 in Jhansi.

"In the last three years over 200 more water bodies have disappeared. This could be because of lack of rain in the last few years, taking the number of lost water bodies to around 4,220," the official said.

Bundelkhand has one of the lowest levels of per capita income and human development in the country, largely due to the frequent droughts caused by water scarcity. Agriculture experts opine that the vanished water bodies and community-managed ponds have resulted in a fall in the water level and frequent droughts.

Raja Bhaiya of non-governmental organisation Vidya Dham Samiti that works in Banda said that the ponds act as sponge and help in recharging ground water during rains.

"Land sharks are responsible for the disappearance of water bodies. The lure of lucre has enticed the administration to look the other way as builders and illegal miners

exploited the water bodies of Bundelkhand," he said.

The issue came to light for the first time through a right to information (RTI) application in which the applicants sought details of water bodies in seven districts of Bundelkhand — Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Lalitpur, Jalaun, Jhansi and Hamirpur.

The RTI application prompted the Revenue department to conduct surveys to assess the magnitude of encroachment over water bodies in the State. At the same time, in 2012, the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court asked the authorities to ensure that no land-grabbing was allowed in this way.

The court also directed the authorities to inform it about the ponds that had been covered and constructions had come over them. It also directed them to furnish information about the existing ponds so that further steps could be taken in this matter.

# Groundwater harder than canal water: Report

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The quality of canal water is much better than the groundwater being supplied to the households, commercial and government establishments.

This has been revealed in a report of the state water testing laboratory of the Public Health Engineering Department, which says groundwater has higher content of total dissolved solids (TDSs), alkalinity and other minerals.

Groundwater has more hardness than canal water. The finding on the tap water is within the required limit, but as per the experts, there is a need to monitor the quality of water sources.

The Karnal Municipal Corporation collected water samples from various sources, including water supply tubewells, water supply at the Sector 12 HSVP office, Western Yamuna Canal, Bhakra Canal, and got these checked from the state laboratory. The outcome was shocking even for officials of both departments, said the sources.

During the visit of the Urban Local Bodies Minister Dr Kamal Gupta to the Karnal Municipal Corporation office, the issue of water quality had also been raised.

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## PERIODIC TESTS VITAL

Chemical and microbiological tests should be done periodically to check the quality of the water so that the spreading of water-borne diseases could be controlled. Amit Singh, CHIEF

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The total alkalinity content was 130 and 140 mg/litre in the water samples of Western Yamuna Canal and Bhakra Canal, respectively, while it was between 230 mg/litre and 260 mg/litre. The desirable limit is 200 mg/litre. The contents of calcium, magnesium and other minerals were also higher in the tap water, the report said.

## 'Clean water to every household on agenda'



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AAP legislator Jagdeep Goldy Kamboj (35), who trounced SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal in his stronghold Jalalabad, is worried about the non-availability of clean drinking water in border villages.

"What to talk of basic amenities, people of my segment have been deprived of pure water for years," says Kamboj. The matter has been taken up



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with CM Bhagwant Mann and a comprehensive plan is being prepared to provide water to towns and villages of the constituency, he says.

Flagging "embezzlement" of MGNREGA funds meant for Jalalabad, Kamboj says

he will try to expose the scam. "A huge amount was misappropriated in the name of employment to the poor," the first-time MLA claims.

On the drug menace, he sees a solution in sports. "I will build stadia in villages to keep youth engaged," he notes. — OC

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Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission in Rajasthan  
@gssjodhpurUnion Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat reviewed the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission in Rajasthan in a meeting held in Jaipur on Thursday. MPs of the state and senior officials of the Centre and State Governments participated in the meeting. Talking to the media after the meeting, Mr. Shekhawat said that more than six crore 20 lakh tap connections have been given in the country in the last two and a half years after the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission.

Mr. Shekhawat said that before the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission, out of 19 crore households in the country, only three crore 23 lakh households had access to tap water. About 16 per cent of the households had tap connections, which has now increased to 49 per cent. He said that many states have made remarkable progress in the mission, but Rajasthan is lagging behind in this matter. He said that initially the state was four per cent behind the average of the entire country. Now the state is lagging behind the national average by 25 per cent.



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## Union Jal Shakti Minister Reviews Implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Rajasthan

New Delhi, Apr 29, (Fast Mail News):-- The Union Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat chaired a review meeting on Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) today in Jaipur with 17 Members of Parliament (MPs) of Rajasthan and PHED officials to expedite the implementation of the mission in the State. All Executive Engineers/ Superintendent Engineers were connected virtually. The meeting began with a welcome address by ACS, PHED, Rajasthan followed by a brief presentation by Additional Secretary and Mission Director, National Jal Jeevan Mission, who shared the mission overview and status of implementation of works in the various districts of the State in comparison with the national average. He also explained about the status of planning as well as the role of Members of Parliament in the implementation of the mission.

Thanking all the Members of Parliament of Rajasthan for their active participation in the day-long review meeting, the Union Minister, Jal Shakti appreciated their concerns as well as valuable suggestions to bring improvement in the pace of implementation of mission along with ensuring the quality of works. Mentioning about various life changing initiatives of the Government of India to improve the lives of the people especially the poor & marginalized communities ensuring 'no one is left out', he underscored the importance of Jal Jeevan Mission in the context of a State like Rajasthan. Shekhawat mentioned that the community participation and empowerment is the soul of the mission which will lead to its success. Therefore, the State must make all out efforts to involve the local village community in the mission works starting from preparation of Village Action Plan (VAP). He urged the State Government to ensure the participation of all the Members of Parliament to make Jal Jeevan Mission a 'Jan Andolan', a people's movement.

Shekhawat appealed to all senior officers to give primacy to the quality of works by ensuring regular inspection and taking corrective measures. He assured there will be no dearth of fund from Government of India and extended all assistance to ensure the State becomes 'Har Ghar Jal' in a time-bound manner. He further invited the State PHED Minister and senior officers to approach him whenever required regarding resolving any issue pertaining to drinking water supply in the State.

Lastly, he focused on improving the drinking water sources so that water supply to rural households is not disrupted. He stressed on exploring convergence by dovetailing various schemes at village level for source sustainability, viz. MGNREGS, 15th FC tied grants, DMDF, etc.

In his remarks, Minister, PHED, Rajasthan mentioned about the geographical challenge faced by the State in ensuring sustainable tap water supply and the remoteness of several habitations called 'dhaanis', which are smaller in size. He further told that the State needs to improve the pace of implementation of the mission while ensuring the quality of works.

Out of 105.69 lakh rural households in the State, only 11.74 lakh had provision of tap water supply in their homes during the launch of the mission in August, 2019, which has increased to 25.61 lakh HHs (24.23%) so far. About Rs. 11,000 Crore has been allocated as Central grant to the State under Jal Jeevan Mission in 2022-23. Further, Rs. 1,774 Crore is available to the State as 15th Finance Commission tied grant to RLBS/ PRIs for drinking water and sanitation. The State plans to provide tap water connections to 32.64 lakh rural households in 2022-23, for which the Annual Action Plan has been approved by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

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*श्री शेखावत ने राज्य सरकार से आग्रह किया कि जल जीवन मिशन को 'जन आंदोलन' बनाने के लिये सभी सांसदों की भागीदारी सुनिश्चित करे*

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केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री श्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेखावत ने आज [जयपुर](#) में राजस्थान के 17 सांसदों और जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी (पीएचईडी) के अधिकारियों के साथ जल जीवन मिशन (जेजेएम) पर समीक्षा बैठक की अध्यक्षता की। बैठक का उद्देश्य राज्य में मिशन के क्रियान्वयन को गति देना था। सभी एकजीक्यूटिव इंजीनियर/सुपरिंटेंडेंट इंजीनियर वर्चुअल माध्यम से हिस्सा ले रहे थे। बैठक राजस्थान पीएचईडी के एसीएस के स्वागत भाषण से शुरू हुई। उसके बाद अपर सचिव और राष्ट्रीय जल जीवन मिशन के निदेशक ने एक संक्षिप्त प्रस्तुतिकरण दिया, जिसमें मिशन का परिचय तथा राष्ट्रीय औसत के मद्देनजर राजस्थान के विभिन्न जिलों में क्रियान्वयन की स्थिति के बारे में बताया गया। उन्होंने योजना की स्थिति तथा मिशन के क्रियान्वयन में सांसदों की भूमिका के बारे में भी जानकारी दी।

दिन भर चलने वाली समीक्षा बैठक में सक्रिय भागीदारी करने पर केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री ने राजस्थान के सभी सांसदों को धन्यवाद दिया। उन्होंने उनकी चिंताओं और मूल्यवान सुझावों की भी प्रशंसा की, जो सांसदों ने मिशन के क्रियान्वयन को तेज करने के लिये दिये थे। उन्होंने सबको कार्य की गुणवत्ता के प्रति आश्वस्त किया। जीवन में आमूल बदलाव लाने के लिये केंद्र सरकार द्वारा किये जाने वाले कामों का उल्लेख करते हुये उन्होंने कहा कि गरीबों और वंचितों का पूरा ध्यान रखा जा रहा है तथा यह सुनिश्चित किया जा रहा है कि 'कोई भी पीछे न छूट जाये।' उन्होंने राजस्थान जैसे राज्य के संदर्भ में जल जीवन मिशन के महत्व को रेखांकित किया। श्री शेखावत ने कहा कि सामुदायिक भागीदारी और सशक्तिकरण ही जल जीवन मिशन की आत्मा है, जो उसे सफलता की ओर ले जायेगी। इसलिये, राज्य को स्थानीय ग्रामीण समुदायों को मिशन कार्य में संलग्न करना चाहिये तथा जल जीवन मिशन को 'जन आंदोलन' बनाने के लिये सांसदों की सक्रिय भूमिका भी सुनिश्चित करना चाहिये।

श्री शेखावत ने सभी वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों से अपील की कि वे नियमित निगरानी और खामियों को दूर करने के उपायों के जरिये काम की गुणवत्ता सुनिश्चित करने को प्राथमिकता दें। उन्होंने आश्वस्त किया कि केंद्र सरकार



द्वारा निधि की कमी नहीं होगी और केंद्र राज्य को पूरा सहयोग देगा, ताकि तय समय सीमा में 'हर घर जल' का लक्ष्य पूरा हो जाये। उन्होंने राज्य पीएचईडी मंत्री और वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों से आग्रह किया कि राज्य में पेयजल आपूर्ति से जुड़े किसी भी मुद्दे पर वे लोग कभी भी उनसे संपर्क कर सकते हैं।

अंत में उन्होंने पेयजल स्रोत में सुधार की बात की, ताकि ग्रामीण घरों में जलापूर्ति में व्यवधान न आने पाये। उन्होंने एमजीएनआरईजीएस, 15वें वित्त आयोग समर्थित अनुदान, डीएमडीएफ आदि, जैसे स्रोतों को मद्देनजर रखते हुये ग्रामीण स्तर पर विभिन्न योजनाओं की पड़ताल करने पर जोर दिया।

राजस्थान के पीएचईडी मंत्री ने कहा कि नल से जल सुविधा कायम रखने और 'ढाणी' नामक दूर-दराज की तमाम छोटी-छोटी बस्तियों तक पानी पहुंचाने में राज्य को भौगोलिक चुनौतियों का सामना करना पड़ता है। उन्होंने कहा कि राज्य के लिये मिशन के कार्यान्वयन को तेज करने की जरूरत है और साथ में काम की गुणवत्ता भी सुनिश्चित करनी है।

अगस्त, 2019 में मिशन की शुरुआत के बाद से राज्य के 105.69 लाख ग्रामीण घरों में से केवल 11.74 लाख घरों तक ही नल से जल पहुंचा था, जो अब तक 25.61 लाख घर (24.23 प्रतिशत) हो गया है। राज्य को केंद्रीय अनुदान के रूप में लगभग 11,000 करोड़ रुपये उपलब्ध कराये गये हैं, जो 15वें वित्त आयोग की पेयजल तथा स्वच्छता सम्बंधी सिफारिशों पर दिये गये हैं। यह अनुदान आरएलवी/पीआरआई के सम्बंध में है। राज्य की योजना है कि 2022-23 में 32.64 लाख ग्रामीण घरों तक नल से जल पहुंचा दिया जाये। इसके लिये वार्षिक कार्य योजना को जल शक्ति मंत्रालय ने मंजूरी दे दी है।

सांसदों ने अपने-अपने निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों में कार्य की प्रगति, कार्य की गुणवत्ता आदि पर विचार रखे। उन्होंने कहा कि इन दोनों चीजों पर फौरन ध्यान दिया जाना चाहिये, पेयजल की गुणवत्ता सुधारी जानी चाहिये, नियमित जलापूर्ति हो, इस कार्य में स्थानीय समुदायों, विशेषकर ग्राम पंचायतों/ग्राम जल एवं स्वच्छता समिति को संलग्न किया जाये। ये निकाय योजना की शुरुआत से जोड़े जायें और कार्यान्वयन की निगरानी करें, ताकि काम की गुणवत्ता सुनिश्चित हो और तमाम गांवों से सम्बंधित योजनाओं/प्रमुख परियोजनाओं के लिये उचित जल आवंटन हो सके। छोटी योजनाओं का भी ध्यान रखा जाये। इसके अलावा सांसदों ने योजना और वास्तविकता के आधार पर घरों की संख्या में तालमेल न होने का मुद्दा भी उठाया। उन्होंने बताया कि ज्यादातर गांवों में काम नहीं शुरू हुआ है, जिला कार्य योजनाओं को अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि जैसलमेर, बारमेड़, जोधपुर, पाली आदि जैसे रेगिस्तानी इलाकों में, जहां पानी कनेक्शन कठिन प्रतीत होता है, वहां के लिये फौरन योजना पर अमल शुरू हो।

सांसदों ने राज्य सरकार से यह भी आग्रह किया कि वे योजना शुरू होने से लेकर उसकी कारगर निगरानी, मिशन के बेहतर कार्यान्वयन से सांसदों को जोड़ें, ताकि इस महत्वाकांक्षी योजना का लक्ष्य पूरा किया जा सके। सबने इस बात पर भी सहमति जताई कि हर निर्माण स्थल का व्यौरा निश्चित जगह पर बोर्ड पर दिया जाये, जिसमें पेय जल आपूर्ति, अनुमानित लागत, नलों की संख्या, काम करने वाले का संपर्क विवरण, पीएचईडी

इंजीनियर का संपर्क विवरण, जीपी/वीडब्ल्यूएससी अध्यक्ष आदि का विवरण शामिल हो। यह सुझाव भी दिया गया कि चालू और अंतिम बिल के भुगतान के लिये कोई जीपी/वीडब्ल्यूएससी प्रतिनिधियों के साथ तीसरा पक्ष संयुक्त निरीक्षण करे। यह मांग भी रखी गई कि पशुधन के लिये भी जलापूर्ति का प्रावधान किया जाये क्योंकि देश में सबसे ज्यादा पशुधन राजस्थान में हैं। सांसदों ने 'हर घर जल' गांवों के प्रमाणीकरण की जरूरत पर बल दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि ग्राम सभाओं के साथ बात की जाये और यह संकल्प किया जाये कि गांव के हर घर और सार्वजनिक संस्थानों को पेयजल आपूर्ति की जाये।

राजस्थान पीएचईडी के अपर मुख्य सचिव ने सभी प्रतिभागियों को उनके अमूल्य सुझावों के लिये धन्यवाद दिया और आश्वासित किया कि राज्य की टीम नई ऊर्जा और उत्साह के साथ काम करेगी, ताकि राज्य के हर ग्रामीण घर में नल से जल की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित हो सके।



## ‘सामुदायिक भागीदारी से होगा पेयजल समस्या का समाधान’

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। केन्द्रीय जलशक्ति मंत्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेखावत ने कहा है कि सामुदायिक भागीदारी व जल जीवन मिशन को जनांदोलन बनाकर ही पेयजल समस्या का समाधान किया जा सकता है। उन्होंने राजस्थान सरकार से आग्रह किया कि राज्य में जलजीवन मिशन को जन आंदोलन बनाने के लिये सभी सांसदों की भागीदारी सुनिश्चित की जाये। केन्द्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेखावत ने आज राजस्थान के 17 सांसदों और जन स्वास्थ्य अभियंत्रिकी (पीएचईडी) के अधिकारियों के साथ जल

जीवन मिशन (जेजेएम) पर समीक्षा बैठक की अध्यक्षता की। बैठक का उद्देश्य राज्य में मिशन के क्रियान्वयन की गति देना था। इस दौरान सभी सांसदों ने अपने अपने क्षेत्र की समस्याओं से अवगत कराया।

बैठक में जलशक्ति मंत्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेखावत ने सांसदों को कार्य की गुणवत्ता के प्रति आश्वस्त किया। उन्होंने कहा कि गरीबों और वंचितों का पूरा ध्यान रखा जा रहा है तथा यह सुनिश्चित किया जा रहा है कि 'कोई भी पीछे न छूट जाये।' शेखावत ने कहा कि सामुदायिक भागीदारी

और सशक्तिकरण ही जल जीवन मिशन की आत्मा है, जो उसे सफलता की ओर ले जायेगी।

इसलिये, राज्य को स्थानीय ग्रामीण समुदायों को मिशन कार्य में संलग्न करना चाहिये तथा जल जीवन मिशन को 'जन आंदोलन' बनाने के लिये सांसदों की सक्रिय भूमिका भी सुनिश्चित करना चाहिये। शेखावत ने वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों से अपील की कि वे नियमित निगरानी और खामियों को दूर करने के उपायों के जरिये काम की गुणवत्ता सुनिश्चित करने को प्राथमिकता दें।

रीत गया जवाई बांध

बांध में करीब 12 साल बाद पेटा काश्त खेती

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काश्त खेती की गई। बांध की नई भूमि व छोटे-छोटे जवाई के बाद निकलने वाले पानी से फसल लगाया रही है। कई लोग तो पेटा काश्त में एक फसल काट भी चुके हैं और अब दूसरी फसल की तैयारी है।

### मैं तो आज तक कोनी आई अई

जवाई बांध में खेती कर रही मीरा का कहना था कि मैं तो क्या रे बाद आज तक अई कोनी आई। ब्याह ने ही 12 बरस

कीत मिया है...हमके बांध में पानी कोनी जई अई जमी हरसे फसल बोई थी... हम फसल लेवा ने सैज आवा हो...

बांध में ही बनाया कुआँ

जवाई बांध में पेटा काश्त के तहत खेती डेढ़ सैकड़ों में उपलब्ध पानी से कुछ दूरी पर की जा रही है। यहाँ जमीन में बरतें आ चुकी हैं। जिस पर जल फलकन जवाई की गई है। फसल की सिंचाई के लिए किसानों ने बांध परिसर में बांध-सत फीट के कुएँ खोद दिए हैं।

### बनाए कच्चे रास्ते

जवाई बांध के पेटा काश्त में आने-जाने के लिए कोई रास्ता नहीं है। किसानों ने खेतों तक पहुँचने और फसल को लाने के लिए जुद्धनी गांव से होकर कच्चे रास्ते तैयार किए हैं। इन रास्तों से जुद्धनिया बजारों के साथ टैंक्टर को भी आसानी से खेत तक ले जा सके हैं।