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TS flags Andhra's violations on projects

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Raising strong objection to the tenders invited by the Andhra Pradesh government for undertaking works on Handri Neeva Sujala Sravanti (HNSS) phase-II and Telugu Ganga Project (TGP), the Telangana government has urged the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to immediately stop the former from taking up new works at these projects.

In a letter addressed to the KRMB Chairman, Telangana Irrigation Engineer-in-Chief C Muralidhar said the AP government was taking up expansion and new projects under the TGP project and HNSS without proper appraisal and approval from the board or the Apex Council as per the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014.

He alleged that AP had issued tender notices for widening the Punganur branch canal from 79.6 km to 220.45 km for ayacut sta-

bilisation and provision of drinking water to the people in Thamballapalle, Madanapalle, Punganur and Palamaneru areas, and the development of an irrigation network in Punganur constituency under HNSS phase-II.

Further, the construction of a mini lift irrigation scheme was proposed on the fifth branch canal of the TGP to feed the Kotambedu and Mallemala irrigation tanks in Balayapalli mandal in SPSR Nellore district.

About 5 tmcft water was also proposed to be pumped from the TGP-SFC canal to feed the Chintalatomakuru tank of Kaluvoya mandal, Muralidhar added.

He said the move was in violation of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014 and that it should be stopped immediately. Muralidhar urged the KRMB Chairman to bring the violation to the notice of the Jal Shakti Ministry and take necessary action against the Andhra Pradesh government.

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Mann, Khattar fail to reach agreement on SYL canal row

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CHANDIGARH: Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann and his Haryana counterpart, Manohar Lal Khattar, on Friday failed to make any headway in the decades-old Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal dispute after the Punjab government asserted that it does not have "a single drop of water to share".

Miffed over this, the Haryana government said it will brief Union minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on the matter.

The chief ministers of the two states held a meeting for nearly two hours at Haryana Niwas, in the presence of their respective state advocate generals, top officials and advisors, but failed to reach an agreement, according to people aware of the details.

While Khattar pressed for the construction of the canal, Mann



(Right) Bhagwant Mann;
Manohar Lal Khattar

claimed his state does not have surplus water to share with any other state.

The SYL canal has been a bone of contention between Punjab and Haryana for several decades. Haryana was carved out of Punjab on November 1, 1966. The canal was conceptualised for effective allocation of water from Ravi and Beas rivers. While Haryana completed the project in its territory, Punjab took up the work in 1982 but later shelved it.

The Punjab government has been maintaining that the quan-

tum of water flowing through the two rivers had come down considerably and is, therefore, seeking reassessment of the water volume. Haryana, on the other hand, has been seeking completion of the canal to get its share of water from the two rivers. It also wants Punjab to comply with the 2002 and 2004 Supreme Court orders on completion of the canal.

At the meeting on Friday, Khattar said the Punjab government must execute the orders of the top court and construct the canal. The issue of availability of water can be resolved subsequently, Khattar said, according to the people cited above.

Mann, however, rejected the proposal, saying since his state does not have surplus water.

A seemingly miffed Khattar later told reporters that it was his final meeting with Punjab on the matter and that he will meet Union minister for Jal Shakti

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to brief him about the developments. "From our side, this was our final meeting but if the Centre wants another meeting, it can do so. As far as we are concerned, there is no reason in taking any more initiative," he said.

He said he will hold a meeting with Shekhawat to brief him about Friday's developments.

Mann, who also spoke to reporters after the meeting, said the question of constructing the canal does not arise as Punjab does not have any water to share. "If the people of Haryana need water, both states should go to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and request him to arrange water for them from Yamuna or somewhere else. We have no enmity but how can we give water when we do not have it," he said. He also said that Haryana at present was getting 14.10 million acre feet of water, more than Punjab.

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Haryana, Punjab CMs fail to reach consensus on SYL canal row



Farmers levelling a part of the canal in Patiala district.
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Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann failed to reach a consensus on the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal project – the focal point of the water-sharing dispute between the two States – at a meeting here on Friday.

The meeting was held on the directions of the Supreme Court. “Both States reached no consensus on the construction of the SYL canal,” Mr. Lal said after the meeting.

While Haryana said the construction of the canal was necessary as it is the lifeline of the State, Punjab maintained that it did not have even a “single drop” of water to share.

“The Supreme Court has asked for the construction of SYL, but Punjab has disagreed to that. Now, I will be holding a meeting with the Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to brief him about today’s meeting,” Mr. Lal said.

Mr. Mann said, “... Pun-

jab was getting 18.56 million acre feet (MAF) of water which has been now reduced to 12.63 MAF. So, we don’t have any surplus water to share with any State. Haryana is currently getting 14.10 MAF of water from Sutlej, Yamuna and other rivulets. Despite being smaller in area, Haryana is getting more water than Punjab and ironically it is demanding more water at the cost of Punjab. How can we give water to Haryana if our own fields are starving for it?”

Mr. Mann said that instead of seeking water from Punjab, Haryana should in fact give water to his State from the river Yamuna.

‘Ready to meet PM’

“If Haryana really needs water, then I am ready to go with my Haryana counterpart to PM Narendra Modi to solve the issue. Before the Prime Minister, the State government will reiterate its stand that Punjab does not even have a single drop of water to share with Haryana,” Mr. Mann added.

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पानी के लिए मोदी के पास जाए हरियाणा : मान

■ चंडीगढ़ (भाषा)।

पंजाब के मुख्यमंत्री भगवंत मान और हरियाणा के मुख्यमंत्री मनोहर लाल खट्टर विवादास्पद सतलुज यमुना लिंक नहर को लेकर शुक्रवार को यहां एक बैठक में किसी समझौते पर नहीं पहुंच सके।

मान ने हालांकि हरियाणा को पंजाब का छोटा भाई बताया लेकिन कहा कि पंजाब के पास बांटने के लिए पानी नहीं है और पंजाब में नहर के हिस्से का निर्माण पूरा करने का सवाल ही नहीं पैदा होता। उन्होंने कहा कि अगर हरियाणा में पानी की कमी महसूस की जाती है, तो पंजाब और हरियाणा दोनों प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी से संपर्क कर सकते हैं

और उनसे यमुना या गंगा या कहीं और से पानी उपलब्ध कराने का अनुरोध कर सकते हैं। मान ने यहां हरियाणा निवास में हुई बैठक में नदियों के पानी की मात्रा के पुनः आकलन की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया।

वहीं, खट्टर ने कहा कि पंजाब अपने भू-भाग में नहर के निर्माण पर सहमत नहीं हुआ। उन्होंने कहा, बैठक में कोई

सहमति नहीं बनी। उन्होंने कहा कि पंजाब पहले नदी के पानी का मुद्दा उठाना चाहता था, लेकिन हरियाणा उच्चतम न्यायालय के निर्देश के अनुसार नहर के निर्माण पर चर्चा चाहता था। उन्होंने कहा कि उनकी सरकार बैठक के बारे में केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री गजेंद्र सिंह शेखावत को अवगत कराएगी।

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■ मान बोले, पंजाब के पास बांटने के लिए पानी नहीं