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Making a major departure from the ad hoc water sharing arrangement laid down nine years ago, the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) on Wednesday favoured need-based sharing of water between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

The interim pattern proposed by it will be in place for the initial months of the new water year beginning June 1.

The board, which met here on Wednesday, decided to seek the intervention of the Jal Shakti Ministry to hammer out a final agreement on water sharing acceptable to both States.

The three-member committee, comprising the Board's Member Secretary and Engineers-in-Chief of the two States, will monitor the water sharing based on the indents placed by the respective States and water availability. Telangana has been demanding water sharing in 50:50 ratio by scrapping the ad hoc arrangement

that allowed 66 per cent of assured water to AP as against 34 per cent to Telangana. AP, however, wanted no change in the current system of sharing till the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal delivered its final award. The Telangana officials insisted on permission to utilise 50% of 811 TMC allocated to the undivided State. (SEE PAGE 2)

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Speaking to newsmen after the meeting, Special Chief Secretary (Irrigation) Rajat Kumar said the 66:34 ratio sharing between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana would not be acceptable any longer.

Telangana was formed with the avowed goal of addressing the raw deal meted out to it in water sharing. Continuation of the same ad hoc water-sharing arrangement any further would be against its interests, he said, pointing out that Telangana had its in-basin projects to be supported on priority, while projects such as the SLBC, Kalwakurthy and Nettempadu have become operational requiring an additional 105 TMC of water.

The State had made its stand clear to the KRMB last year too. Its demands were taken into cognizance as a note of dissent by the Board. The objections raised by AP on other projects would be addressed at the appropriate fora at the right time.

As far as the Sunkishala issue is concerned, he said the water being drawn was meant for supporting drinking water supply in Hyderabad and it required no further consent.

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Ensuring free flow of Yamuna water to capital, Haryana govt tells HC

New Delhi: Haryana government told Delhi High Court on Wednesday it has been ensuring free flow of Yamuna water to the national capital and there are no illegal bundhs or other structures blocking the supply. In its reply filed in response to applications by Delhi Jal Board (DJB) seeking unhindered supply of clean Yamuna water, Haryana also said the issues of quality of water and its distribution between the two states are in the nature of "interstate river water dispute" and cannot be decided by the high court. Responding to allegations that water from Haryana contained pollutants, the reply said the water at the entry point is clean but gets "heavily polluted" in the territory of Delhi. TNN

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KRMB to refer water share issue to Jal Shakti ministry

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The Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) has decided to refer the matter of Krishna water share for Telangana and AP for the coming water year - June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, - to the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), as the two member states are adamant on their respective stands at the board meeting held here on Wednesday.

The board has been continuing the water share in the ratio of 34:66 (TS:AP) for the last nine water years although it was agreed upon as an ad hoc arrangement for review every year. As expected, Telangana insisted on 50:50 share till the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal (KWDT-II) finalised the allocation among the two States out of the combine allocation of 811 tmc ft assured water, while



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the AP authorities wanted the existing arrangement to be continued for 2023-24 too. With the two States refusing to budge on their respective stand, chairman of the river board Shiv Nandan Kumar decided to refer the matter to the Centre (MoJS) for taking a decision on the complex issue. The meeting was attended by Special Chief Secretary (Irrigation) Rajat Kumar and Engineer-in-Chief (General) C. Muralidhar on behalf

of Telangana and Principal Secretary (Water Resources) Shashibhushan Kumar and ENC C. Narayana Reddy on behalf of AP.

The AP authorities stated that the share of 66:34 (AP:TS) being continued for the last nine years has some basis and the River Board has no powers to change allocation except the Tribunal.

The Telangana authorities stated that there was no allocation for AP.

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Not responsible for river woes, Haryana tells HC

Says Yamuna gets polluted only after entering the national capital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Haryana government told the Delhi High Court on Wednesday it has been ensuring free flow of Yamuna water to the national capital and there are no illegal bundhs or other structures blocking the supply.

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The DJB's applications were filed in a 2013 PIL by lawyer S B Tripathi seeking sufficient wa-



ter supply for Delhi.

A bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad granted time to DJB to respond to the submissions made by Haryana and listed the case for further hearing on May 23.

The DJB had moved the high court earlier this year, stating that in spite of an order passed in May 2019 directing removal of "illegal bundhs or blockades" from the river, images "clearly showed" such structures blocking the water flow to Delhi.

In its reply, Haryana said the

issue of polluted water raised in the application has been dealt with by various other fora, including the Supreme Court, and the high court should first adjudicate the preliminary matter with regard to maintainability of the petition.

An application filed by a state or its department against another state is not maintainable before the high Court, especially when it pertains to water dispute, it said.

"The present application against raising the issue regarding the quality and low/quantity of the water filed before this Hon'ble Court is totally misconceived. The applications is nothing more than an act of forum shopping," it said.

The response also said the Haryana government has complied with the 2019 high court order directing supply of water to Delhi without any hindrance and there were no illegal structures on the river.

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दिल्ली को मुक्त प्रवाह पानी उपलब्ध करवाया जा रहा, नहीं है कोई अवैध बांध : हरियाणा

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

चंडीगढ़। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में यमुना के पानी के मुक्त प्रवाह को सरकार सुनिश्चित कर रही है और कोई अवैध बांध या अन्य संरचनाएं आपूर्ति को बाधित नहीं कर रही हैं। यह जानकारी यमुना के जल को लेकर लंबित याचिका में दिल्ली जल बोर्ड द्वारा दाखिल की गई अर्जी पर जवाब दाखिल करते हुए हरियाणा सरकार ने दी है।

दिल्ली हाईकोर्ट ने हरियाणा सरकार के इस जवाब पर दिल्ली जल बोर्ड को अपना पक्ष रखने का आदेश दिया है। याचिका पर सुनवाई के दौरान हरियाणा सरकार ने बताया कि स्वच्छ यमुना जल की निर्बाध आपूर्ति दोनों राज्यों के बीच पानी की गुणवत्ता और इसके वितरण के मुद्दे (अंतरराज्यीय नदी जल विवाद) की प्रकृति के हैं और उच्च न्यायालय द्वारा इसे तय नहीं किया जा सकता। सरकार ने कहा कि प्रवेश बिंदु पर

पानी की गुणवत्ता और वितरण का मुद्दा, अंतरराज्यीय नदी जल विवाद, हाईकोर्ट की सुनवाई का विषय नहीं

पानी साफ है, लेकिन दिल्ली के क्षेत्र में प्रवेश करते ही यह प्रदूषित हो जाता है।

दिल्ली के लिए पर्याप्त पानी की आपूर्ति की मांग करने वाले वकील एसबी त्रिपाठी ने 2013 में जनहित याचिका दाखिल की थी। इसी याचिका में दिल्ली जल बोर्ड ने अर्जी दाखिल करते हुए पानी की आपूर्ति का मुद्दा उठाया है। दिल्ली जल बोर्ड ने कहा कि मई 2019 में हाईकोर्ट ने नदी से अवैध बांधों व अवरोधों को हटाने का निर्देश दिया था, जो दिल्ली में पानी के प्रवाह को अवरुद्ध करते हैं। प्रतिक्रिया में सरकार ने कहा कि 2019 के आदेश का पालन किया गया है और बिना

किसी बाधा के दिल्ली को पानी की आपूर्ति की जा रही है। दिल्ली को सभी स्रोतों से मुनक नहर से 719 क्यूसेक पानी का आवंटन किया गया है, जिसे नहर नेटवर्क के माध्यम से आपूर्ति की जा रही है। हरियाणा के नागरिकों के हिस्से का करीब 321 क्यूसेक पानी दिल्ली को डायवर्ट कर करीब 1,040 क्यूसेक पानी की आपूर्ति हरियाणा कर रहा है। यहां यह बताया जा सकता है कि हरियाणा ने आज तक 1,040 क्यूसेक की वर्तमान आपूर्ति को कम करने के बारे में कुछ भी नहीं कहा है।

केवल इसलिए कि दिल्ली जल बोर्ड के कुछ अधिकारी इन बांधों को देखा है, ये बांध दिल्ली को पानी की आपूर्ति में बाधा नहीं बन रहे। 24 मई, 2019 को दिल्ली उच्च न्यायालय ने हरियाणा सरकार को यह सुनिश्चित करने का निर्देश दिया था कि राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में बिना किसी बाधा के पानी की आपूर्ति हो।