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# Atishi seeks time from LG for emergency meeting on water

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**New Delhi:** Water minister Atishi on Sunday sought time from LG V K Saxena for an emergency meeting over the crisis plaguing the capital. She also wrote to Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini, requesting him to ensure 1,050 cusecs of water was released from Munak Canal for Delhi.

In response, Raj Niwas stated in a post on X: "LG will meet Atishi at 11am tomorrow (Monday). In the interim, he has asked officials to ascertain the actual position of water released by Himachal Pradesh and Haryana, measures to check wastage and leakage of water in Delhi, and the status of desilting of Wazirabad reservoir, as directed by SC." LG also "directed officers concerned to take up the matter with Upper Yamuna River Board to ascertain the facts with respect to the re-

lease of water to Delhi".

In her communication to Haryana CM, Atishi said Delhi was supposed to receive around 1,050 cusec water at Munak, but the supply had been reduced. "With the water from Munak Canal reduced to 840 cusecs, Delhi will be unable to produce adequate water from our seven WTPs," she said, adding that the capital was stating at a major crisis in the next 1-2 days.

According to the agreement at the 53rd meeting of Upper Yamuna River Board, 1,050 cusecs (568 MGD) was allocated to Delhi at Munak, she said. "Considering the transmission loss, the allocation of 1,050 cusecs at Munak corresponds to about 1,013 cusecs (548 MGD). This is measured by Delhi at Bawana contact point, where the water enters the capital and flow meters have been installed by Del-



Atishi

hi. These flow meters were checked by representatives of Upper Yamuna River Board last week itself," she said.

On average, the water received at Bawana contact point, even in the summers, was between 980 and 1030 cusecs, she said, adding there had been a drastic reduction in this.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva, however, said Atishi was giving out incomplete data. "Atishi, while writing the letter, cleverly concealed the data of water drawn directly from Yamuna by DJB to show a shortage," he claimed. He said DJB data made it clear that Haryana was consistently supplying the full amount of water to Delhi.

"If Delhi govt feels that lower amount of water is being received, it should first prove that the daily data issued by DJB is wrong," he said.

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## **Delhi getting more water than its share: Haryana CM**

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Amid the ongoing water crisis in Delhi, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Sunday hit out at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Delhi, accusing it of lying and making baseless remarks against Haryana.

Mr. Saini said that as per the Supreme Court order, Haryana was giving Delhi more water than its share. "If water comes from Himachal Pradesh, it will be given entirely to Delhi, and there will be no problem. Lying is in the AAP's DNA. They work only by relying on lies," he said.

He said there was also an AAP government in Punjab, and they should ask Punjab to give water through the Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal so that Haryana's water shortage could be fulfilled and Delhi got extra water.

Mr. Saini said to provide housing under the 'Mukhyamantri Gramin Aawas Yojana', the government would issue on Monday possession certificates to more than 7,500 beneficiaries living below the poverty line. The registration would be done on the spot.