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After 30 yrs, 4 lakh residents in Cantt to get alternate day water

'Funds Allotted To HMWSSB From ₹10Cr Grant-In-Aid'

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Secunderabad: In a first in the last 30 years, four lakh residents of Secunderabad Cantonment will get water on alternate days in the sizzling summer season, thanks to enhanced quantity of 81 lakh gallons per day (LGPD) from 55 LGPD.

With Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) signing an agreement with Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) recently, supply of 81 LPGD to consumers has



been made possible, senior officials said. Areas falling in neighbouring GHMC limits will also get alternate day water now.

"Every effort is being made to provide alternate day water to our consumers in the summer," SCB chief executive officer D Madhukar Naik said. "We will allot funds to HMWS&SB from the ₹10 crore grant-in aid received from the ministry of defence," he said.



Several colonies which experienced water woes for past several years will be able to breathe easy. This move will go a long way in alleviating drinking water problems of residents – RWAs

Residents heaved a sigh of relief as they were used to getting potable water four to five days in a week and erratic supply. "Enhanced water quantity is a huge relief to all of us. Finally, SCB has woken up to this necessity of lakhs of residents," said P Rama Rao of Trimulgherry.

Officials said over 30,000 taps will be supplying water on alternate days. Resident welfare associations said several colonies which experienced water woes for the past several years will now be able to breathe easy. Many RWAs lauded SCB's initiative and said this move will go a long way in alleviating the drinking water problems of lakhs of residents.

SCB, which has own storage, pumping and distribution network within the Cantonment limits, will soon ensure alternate day supplies, a senior official said. "Excision of SCB civil areas and merging them into GHMC is at a brisk pace along with arrangements to supply potable water on alternate days," he added.

SCB's initiative comes close on the heels of implementing 20 kilo litre free water scheme to the consumers. Officials said 40% consumers have already registered for the scheme and are availing it. "SCB is earning ₹1.2 crore per month through monthly water bills and sanctioning of new water connections," a senior official said.

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Min: Land for LI project has been acquired

Hyderabad: Stating that Telangana would overcome all hurdles and complete Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation on war-footing manner, minister T Harish Rao said the state government has completed land acquisition process for the project.

He said of the 26,000 acres required for the project, except 207 acres, the entire land has been taken over.

The minister also said the government successfully stalled the illegal Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Project being taken up by AP.

The minister said with the pressure of the Telangana government, the Union jal shakti ministry agreed for survey of Polavaram submergence areas in Bhadrachalam town and other areas. He added that the government has completed pending irrigation projects and stabilised the ayacut in various projects. TNN

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Form panel to aid flood-hit areas near Kosi river: HC

PATNA: The Patna high court has directed the constitution of a Kosi **Development Authority** that must have adequate funds to ensure the safety of people impacted by the flooding caused by Kosi river. "Once the issue of funding is worked out, the interlinking of the two rivers, Kosi and Mechi, be done in a time bound and expeditious manner," the court said.

KOSI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Patna HC directs setting up of body to help flood-hit people

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PATNA: In a landmark verdict that could have wider ramifications for a perennially flood ravaged Bihar, the Patna high court has directed the constitution of a Kosi Development Authority that must have adequate funds to ensure the safety and development of the people impacted by the flooding caused by the Kosi river.

"A funding arrangement be worked out in ways that the people do not fall victim to the words of a rule or to a bureaucratic tussle or back and forth of authorities, any further. Once the issue of funding is worked out, the interlinking of the two rivers, Kosi and Mechi, be done in a time bound and expeditious manner, keeping in foremost view the principles of sustainable development," a bench of the then chief justice Sanjay Karol, now elevated to the Supreme Court, and justice Par-



Kosi Development Authority told to ensure safety of people affected by the flooding. REUTERS

tha Sarthy said last week.

The Bihar government welcomed the verdict. "It gives shape to a definite solution to a more than seven-decade-old problem and throws light on possible ways of resource mobilisation. It could be a game-changer for north Bihar," said Sanjay Kumar Jha, the state's water resources development minister.

The authority, which shall comprise representatives of the central and state governments, the government of Nepal and others, will be required to address the vexed issue of annual flooding in a timely manner, the court said.

"Perhaps for the first time in the country, a problem has lingered on for seven decades, ravaging lives, putting enormous strain on state's exchequer and leading to untold hardships to people. Way back in 1950, it was felt by all that a high dam was needed at the India-Nepal border to mitigate woes of people caused by ravaging floods. Lack of political will, apathy, diplomatic thaw and administrative lethargy ensured the problem remained unaddressed," Jha said. "But now, this HC order has given fresh hope."

The court has provided a framework for all stakeholders to work together to end the scourge of devastation caused by the floods, the minister said.

"This judgment is as historic as Supreme Court verdict in 2002 on interlinking of rivers that provided direction and single solution to the recurring flood and drought menace. The then Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee had ordered constitution of a task force to start working on interlinking of rivers. Again, the apex court order by a three-judge bench in 2012 brought the interlinking of rivers on national agenda and National Water Development Authority was entrusted with the task."

Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar, who was then Union railways minister, had raised the issue with Vajpayee, which led to the establishment of an office at Viratnagar in Nepal to develop a detailed project report.

"Over the years, there was no further progress. The CM kept raising the issue multiple times with the government, politicians and civil society groups of Nepal," Jha said. The court also directed that after the funding issue is resolved, steps will have to be taken to identify the interlinking of Kosi and Mechi.



he Indus is the west ernmost river system in the subcontinent. Ihelum Chenab. Ravi, Beas and Sutlej are its main tributaries. It is one of the most important drainage systems in Pakistan and India. It has a length of 2,880 km, of which 709 km lies in India. The catchings are age of the India. catchment area of the Indus is catchment area of the Indus is about 1,165,000 sq km, out of which about 3,21,248 sq km is in India. The Indus, with its five main tributary rivers, comprises one of the greatest river systems in the world. Its annual flow is twice that of the Nile and three times that the Nie and three times that of the Tigris and Euphrates combined; which amounts to almost 170 million acre-feet, or enough water to submerge, to a depth of one foot, the whole area of the state of Texas, or the whole area of Erenses.

whole area of France. India and Pakistan have india and Pakistan have been arguing over hydroelec-tric projects on the shared Indus River and its tributar-ies for decades. Pakistan com-plains that India's planned hydropower dams will cut flows on the river, which feeds 80 per cent of its irrigated agricultural land. India has agricultural land. India has accused Pakistan of dragging out the complaints process since 2015 and says the con-struction of its Kishanganga and Ratle Hydro Electric projects is allowed under the Indus Water Treaty (1960). The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) between India and Pakistan, arranged and negotiated by the World Bank, to use the water avail-able in the Indus River and its tributaries (Indus River Sys-tem), allocates the waters of India and Pakista tem), allocates the western riv ers (Indus, Ihelum, Chenab) to ers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab) to Pakistan and the eastern rivers (Ravi, Beas, Sutlej) to India. At the same time, the treaty allows each country certain uses on the rivers allocated to the other. On January 25, 2023, India's

Indus Water Commissioner issued a notice for the modification of the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 to his Paki-stani counterpart. This notice was issued with the intent to provide an opportunity for Pakistan to enter into government-to-government negotiations to rectify the ongoing material breach of the treaty.

To solve the dispute, India has suggested the appointment of a neutral expert while Pakistan sought resolution through proceedings in the Court of Arbitration in The Hague, which began on January 27.

On January 27 and 28, 2023, the Court of Arbitration — constituted under the Indus Waters Treaty — held the first meeting in the proceedings commenced by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan material breach of the treat

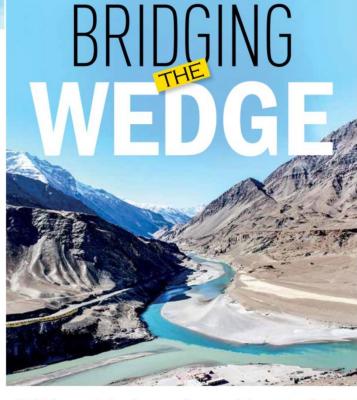
of India. India did not appear and declined to participate in the first meeting of the Court of Arbitration. In prior cor-respondence, India expressed the view that the Court of the view that the Court of Arbitration is not competent to consider the questions put to it, which should instead be decided through an alterna-tive process under the Indus Water Treaty, involving a new test of the court of t tral expert (a highly qualified engineer). The Court of Arbi

engineer). The Court of Arbi-tration acknowledged India's objection and concluded that it must be addressed before the court takes further action.

Then the World Bank decided to appoint a Court of Arbitration and a neutral expert under two separate processes to resolve differences between India and Pakistan over the Kishanganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects in Jammu & Kashmir. Strongly objecting to the World Bank's decision, the external affairs decision, the external affairs decision, the external affairs ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi alleged, "I do not think they (World Bank) are in a position to interpret the treaty for us. It is a treaty between our two countries and our assessment of the treaty is that there is a provision of is that there is a provision of graded approach". Next day, a World Bank statement said, "the Bank considers that the lack of success in finding an acceptable solution, despite the best of efforts by all Parties involved over the past years, is a risk to the Treaty itself. It has therefore decided to resum therefore decided to resume the two separate processes requested by India and Paki-stan". It may be mentioned that though the job of the World Bank is limited and procedural at present, as a signatory to the at present, sits againstry to the IWT, it still enjoys a certain role. However, its function in relation to "differences" and disputes" is restricted to the designation of individuals to fulfil certain roles in the con-text of neutral expert or Court of Arbitration proceedings of Arbitration proceedings when requested by either or both of the parties. Experts believe that as the

Experts believe that as the government's spokesperson is now questioning the role of the World Bank, the country risks severe embarrassment. India's hardline diplomacy on the Indus Waters Treaty reflects a sign of desperation, reports The Wire.

In one of its publications the World Bank (1960) narrated the background of the IWT and its significance to the economies of both India and Pakistan. The Indus River and Pakistan. The Indus River system supports millions of people in Pakistan and India — approximately one-tenth of the combined population of the two countries. Until the subcontinent was partitioned in 1947 between India and Pakistan, there had been con-



Multiple negotiation frameworks around river water sharing with neighbouring countries, including Pakistan, have yielded positive outcomes so far — indicating that sustainable retention of the Indus Waters Treaty could be the best bet for India

headwork of two of the main irrigation canals in Pakistan were left on the Indian side of the border. The sharing of the the border. The sharing of the use of the waters thereupon became an international issue and has been a principal cause of strained relations between India and Pakistan.

In 1951, an article written by David Lilienthal (former Chairman of the Tanageron)

Chairman of the Tennesse Chairman of the Tennessee
Valley Authority), appeared
in a popular American magazine. This article suggested
that a solution to the dispute
might be found if Indian and
Pakistani technicians would
together work out a contogether work out a comprehensive engineering plan for the development of the waters of the system, on a joint basis, and if the World Bank

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uld undertake assistance ir financing the necessary works. Inspired by this idea, Eugene R Black, the President of the World Bank, proposed to the governments of the two coungovernments of the two coun-tries that, with the good offices of the Bank, they might be able to resolve their differences on the use of the Indus waters. His suggestion was accepted in March 1952.

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A treaty governing the use of the waters of the Indus system of rivers, titled 'The Indus Water Treaty 1960', was signed on September 19 in Karachi, by Jawaharlal Nehru (Prime Minister of India) on behalf ister of India) on behalf of India and by Field Marshal Mohammad Ayub Khan (President of Pakistan) on behalf of Pakistan. The treat stan. The treaty was signe on behalf of the World

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Indus Waters Treaty, an international financial agreement was also executed in Karachi was also executed in Karachi by representatives of the gov-ernments of Australia, Can-ada, Germany, New Zealand, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and the United States, and of the World Bank. This agree-ment created an Indus Basin oment Fund of almost USD 900 million to finance the construction of irrigation and other works in Pakistan, consequential to the treaty set-

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Bank by WAB Iliff (Vice President of the Bank). Simultaneously, with the signing of the to be resolved by a Neutral Expert; and "disputes" are to be referred to a seven-member arbitral tribunal called the "Court of Arbitration."

IWT is appreciated as one of the most successful interna-tional treaties on trans-border water sharing. It has survived frequent tensions, including conflicts and three wars (1965, 1971 and 1999) between India and Pakistan, and has provided a framework for irrigation and hydropower development for more than half a century.

DISAGREEMENTS

The dispute began when the Government of India decided to build the Kishanganga dam and a power sta-tion (3x110 MW) on river Kishanganga — a tributary of river Jhe-

lum where construc lum where construc-tion began in 2007. Pakistan objected to the Kishanganga dam because it envisaged a shifting of water from one tributary of the lhelum to another. While the over-all amount of water going to Pakistan remained about the

same, the lowered amount in the higher tributary (offset by being diverted to a lower one) meant that the Neelum-Jhelum Project that Pakistan wanted to build on its side of Kashmir would receive a lower flow, possibly lowering its efficiency. Nevertheless, IWT does not prohibit such diversions on the water of the western rivers allo-cated for Pakistan. The Court of Arbitration in its verdict, deliv-ered in 2013, clearly mentioned that the IWT allowed this, and because India had started work because India had started work on its project well before Paki-stan, Pakistan could not argue "prior usage". The verdict also asked India to make some design changes, which Paki-stan has alleged that India has not done. Then in 2015, Paki-stan asked for a neutral expert not done. Then in 2015, Paki-stan asked for a neutral expert — to be appointed to deal with the issue. On August 22, 2016, it upped the ante by asking the World Bank to appoint a Court of Arbitration — which deals with "disputes", withdrawing its request for a neutral expert. On January 25, 2023, India's Indus Water Commissioner issued a notice for the modification of the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 to his Pakistani counterpart.

CHINA FACTOR

The trans-border rivers wing from China to India fall into two main groups: i) The river Indus and the river Sutlej of the Indus river sys tem on the western side: and tem on the western side; and ii) the Brahmaputra river sys-tem on the Eastern side, which consists of river Siang (main stream of river Brahmaputra) and its tributaries, namely Sub-ansiri and Lohit. Ashok Swain, a professor

Ashok Swain, a professor of peace and conflict research at Uppsala University, argues that the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 which excluded Afghanistan and China from its ambit remains a sub-optimal treaty and needs to be expanded to and needs to be expanded to the whole basin. The Kabul the whole basin. The Kabul River, a tributary of the Indus, is shared between Afghani-stan and Pakistan and is not covered by any transbound-ary agreement but is crucial to the livelihoods of millions of people in both basins. More over, India is reportedly get-ting worried about China's dam ting worried about Chinas dam projects upstream of the Indus. It is feared that China might soon go for building dams on the Sutlej upstream. Thus, to achieve basin-based cooperaachieve basin-based coopera-tion for promoting food secu-rity, enhancing livelihoods and developing infrastructure in the Indus river system, it will be essential to first build confi-dence between India, Pakistan, China and Afghanistan, argues Professor Swain, reported The Professor Swain, reported The Third Pole.

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It is reported that China has also initiated a controversial hydropower project on the Brahmaputra River in Tibet close to the Arunachal Pradesh border over which India has raised concerns. The 14th five. raised concerns. The 14th five-year (2021-2025) plan of China year (2021-2025) pian of China included building the dam on the lower reaches of the Brahmaputra river over which India and Bangladesh, the riparian states, have raised concerns. As per a report by *The Wire*, China has downplayed such anxieties saying it would keep China has downplayed such anxieties saying it would keep their interests in mind. Nevertheless, India plans to construct the country's second-largest dam at Yingkiong in Arunachal Pradesh to counter China's ambitious water diversion scheme of the river that feeds downstream into the Brahmadownstream into the Brahma putra, reported Mint.

OTHER WATER TREATIES

Four major rivers of India — Indus, Ganga, Brahmapu-tra and Sharda/Kali originate in the Himalayan River system. In addition to Pakistan and China, addition to Pakistan and China, India also shares many com-mon rivers with Nepal and Bangladesh. India and Bangla-desh have 54 transboundary rivers, including the mighty Ganga and the Brahmaputra, flowing between them, all of which are next of the drainage which are part of the drainage system of the Ganga-Brahmasystem of the Ganga-Brahma-putra-Meghna (GBM) basin, reported Millennium Post. The Sharda River, also called Kali River and Mahakali River, orig-inates at Kalapani in the Hima-layas at an elevation of 3,600 m (11,800 ft) in the Pithor-agarh district of Uttarakhand, agarn district of Uttaraknana, India. It flows along Nepal's western border with India and has a basin area of 14,871 sq. km (5,742 sq. mi). It joins the Ghaghra River, a tributary of

the Ganges. Water is an important Water is an important strategic resource. Improper handling can trigger serious conflict between neighbour-ing countries. Fortunately, the leaders of this water-rich region have made water cooperation treaties and arrangements to avoid any possible conflict. The Treaty on Integrated Develop-ment of Mahakali River was signed by the Prime Minister of signed by the Prime Minister of Nepal and the Prime Minister of India in February 1996 and

me into effect in June 1997

An Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) has been functioning since 1972. It was established to maintain liaison to ensure the most effec-tive joint effort in maximising the benefits of common rive the benefits of common free systems. The JRC is headed by the Water Resources Minis-ters of both countries. The 38th meeting of the JRC was held in New Delhi on August 25, 2022, wherein various matters 2022, wherein various matters pertaining to cooperation in the water resources sector with Bangladesh were discussed. A new chapter in Indo-Bangla-desh relations opened up with the signing of a treaty by the Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh on December 12. Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh on December 12, 1996, on the sharing of Ganga/ Ganges waters. The treaty shall remain in force for 30 years, to be renewable by mutual con-sent. For monitoring the imple-mentation of the Treaty, a Joint Committee has been set up. Committee has been set up.

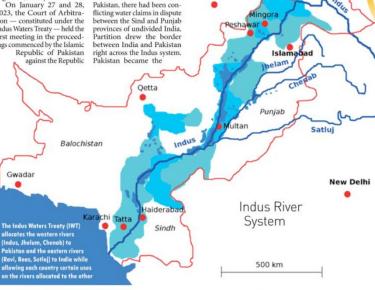
A scheme titled 'Con A scheme titled 'Compre-hensive Scheme for Establish-ment of Hydro-meteorological and Flood Forecasting Network on rivers Common to India and Bhutan' is in operation. Joint Experts' Team (JET) consisting of senior officials from the Govof senior officials from the Gov ernment of India and the Royal Government of Bhutan con-tinuously reviews the progress and other requirements of a network of 32 hydro-meteoro-logical sites in the catchments of rivers Puthimari, Pagladiya, Sunkosh, Manas, Raidak, Torsa, Aie and Jaldhaka comlorsa, Aie and Jaldhaka com-mon to India and Bhutan. So far, the JET has met 36 times alternately in India and Bhutan since its reconstitution in 1992. Notwithstanding ongoing tensions on the Indo-China

developed a formal mechanism for cooperation on water management. During the visit of the President of the People's Republic of China to India on November 20-23, 2006, it was agreed to set up an Expertagreed to set up an Expert-Level Mechanism (ELM) to Level Mechanism (ELM) to discuss interaction and coop-eration on the provision of flood-season hydrological data, emergency management and other issues regarding trans-border rivers. Accordingly, the two sides have set up the Joint Expert Level Mechanism through a joint declaration by both coun-tries. The ELM meetings are

joint declaration by both coun-tries. The ELM meetings are held alternately in India and China every year. The 13th meeting of ELM was held on May 18, 2022, through video-conferencing.

CONCLUSION

As per a report by *BBC*, back in 1985, Boutros Boutros Ghali, former UN Secretary-General, said, "the next war in the Middle East will be fought over water, not poli-tics." It is feared that the pos-sibility of a war over water has shifted to South and Southeast Asia which are endowed with abundant water resources. The water wars rationale predicts that countries will wage war to safeguard their access to water sateguard their access to water resources, especially if there is water scarcity, competitive use and the countries are enemies due to a wider conflict. Follow-ing this argument, India and Pakistan should have fought a war over the Indus basin a war over the Indus basin instead of negotiating the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty. In explaining this Indo-Pakistan cooperation over water, Alam (2002) argued that through cooperation the countries were able to safeguard their long-term water supply. In other words, cooperation is water rationale. This rationale of water cooperation is the key rationale. This rationale of water cooperation is the key to avoiding all future conflicts with neighbours over this vital resource. The forthcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organ-isation (SCO) Summit 2023. in Delhi, where India, China and Pakistan are members, will allow for strengthening water ties among these neighbour-ing countries. Views expressed are personal



tlement. India had a contritlement. India had a contri-bution of approximately USD 174 million payable under the water treaty. The signing of the treaty marked the end of a critical and long-standing dis-pute between India and Pakipute between India and Pakistan, and opened the way to the peaceful use and development of water resources, on which depends the livelihood of some 50 million people in the two countries. Needless to mention, IWT played an important role in ushering in the 'green revo-lution' and 'white revolution' in Pakistan and India

Pakistan and India. Pakistan and India.
The treaty has set a mechanism for cooperation and information exchange between the two countries regarding their use of the rivers, known as the Permanent Indus Commissioner, which has a commissioner which has a commissioner which has a commissioner from each country. The treaty also sets forth distinct proce-dures to handle issues which may arise. For example, "ques-tions" are to be handled by the

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इस अवसर पर डिप्टी सीएम ने बताया कि दिली सरकार बेहतर सीवरेज प्रबंधन और 24 घंटे जलापूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने की दिशा में चरणबद्ध तरीके से काम कर रही है। इसी के तहत मुंडका विधानसभा क्षेत्र में दो अनिधकृत कॉलोनियों और तीन गांव में कुल 55.22 किमी लंबी सीवर लाइन डाली जाएगी। इसके साथ ही लोगों के घरों में हाउस सीवर कनेक्शन भी दिया जाएगा। यहां सीवरेज सिस्टम न होने से स्थानीय तालाब, सेप्टिक टैंक या बरसाती नालों में सीवेज छोड़ा जाता है, जोिक मौजूदा नाले से यमुना नदी में गिरता है। इससे प्रदूषण स्तर में बढ़ोतरी होती है। ऐसे में इस जल प्रदूषणकारी तत्वों को कम करने के लिए दिली सरकार ने हर घर को सीवेज से जोड़ने का निर्णय लिया है। यहां से निकलने वाला सीवरेज, सीवर लाइनों के माध्यम से नजदीकी सीवर ट्रीटमेंट प्लांट में ट्रीट के लिए भेजा जाएगा, जिसके बाद ट्रीटेड पानी यमुना में बहेगा।

के महेनजर डिप्टी सीएम मनीष सिसोदिया ने उत्तर पश्चिमी दिल्ली के मुंडकाविधानसभाक्षेत्रमें 2अनधिकृत कॉलोनियों और 3 गांव में कुल 55.22 किमी लंबी सीवर लाइन बिछाने के प्रोजेक्ट को मंजरी दी है।

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नई दिल्ली. दिली के उपराज्यपाल विनय कुमार सक्सेना और आम आदमी पार्टी की दिल्ली सरकार के बीच तकरार एक बार फिर सामने आई है। उपराज्यपाल ने आप की तरफ से निजी बिजली कंपनियों (डिस्कॉम) के बोर्ड में नामित किए गए दो सदस्यों को हटाने का आदेश दिया है। एलजी ने संवैधानिक प्रावधानों के उल्लंघन के आरोप लगाते हुए आप नेता जैस्मीन शाह और नवीन गुप्ता को हटाने के आदेश दिए हैं। नवीन गुप्ता, आप के राज्यसभा सांसद एनडी गुप्ता के बेटे हैं। वहीं, इस मामले को लेकर शनिवार को आप के वरिष्ठ नेता और दिली के डिप्टी सीएम मनीष सिसोदिया ने प्रेसवार्ता करते हुए एलजी पर निशाना साधते हए कई आरोप लगाए। डिप्टी सीएम ने आरोप लगाते हुए कहा कि एलजी ने जब से अपना कार्यकाल शुरू किया है, तब से वो रोजाना कोई न कोई एक ऐसा आदेश जारी करते है जो सुप्रीम कोर्ट के आदेशों की अवमानना करता हो और देश के संविधान के खिलाफ हो। एलजी ने डिफरेंस ऑफ ओपिनियन के अपने अधिकार का गैरकानूनी और असंवैधानिक प्रयोग करते हुए 4 साल पहले सीएम अरविंद केजरीवाल के नेतृत्व में दिल्ली सरकार की कैबिनेट ने बिजली कंपनियों में 4 प्रोफेशनल डायरेक्टर्स की नियुक्ति को पलटा है। डिप्टी सीएम ने दावा करते हुए आरोप लगाते हुए कहा कि दिल्ली की कैबिनेट और सीएम के फैसला लेने के बाद एलजी के पास कोई अधिकार नहीं है कि वो बिजली संबंधी दिल्ली सरकार के लिए गए फैसलों को पलटे। कानून में साफ है कि एलजी डिफरेंस ऑफ ओपिनियन के अधिकार का इस्तेमाल तब करे सकते हैं। जब मंत्री के निर्णय के बाद एलजी के पास कोई प्रस्ताव भेजा जाए और उस पर एलजी असहमत हों।