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'Dam will not be built without T.N.'s permission'

Union Minister's assurance to delegation on Mekadatu project



Representatives of various political parties meeting Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has assured a delegation of Tamil Nadu leaders that no dam could be built across the Cauvery without the permission of the State, Water Resources Minister Duraimurugan said in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Mr. Duraimurugan led the team to New Delhi to meet Mr. Shekhawat to lodge the State's protest with the Centre against the Cauvery Water Management Authority taking up for discussion the Mekedatu balancing reservoir-cum-drinking water project at its

next meeting. He also handed over a petition to the Union Minister.

'No need for dam'

AIADMK Rajya Sabha member M. Thambi Durai said that if Karnataka wanted to meet the drinking water requirements of Bengaluru, it could do so by drawing more water from the Krishna Raja Sagar dam and there was no need for a new dam.

Among those who were present at the meeting were Nainar Nagendran of the BJP, Vaiko of the MDMK, Selvaperunthagai of the Congress, Thol. Thirumavalavan of the VCK, and G.K. Mani of the PMK.

The Times of India- 23- June-2022

With Water Woes Yet To Ease, Delhi Pins Hopes On Haryana

Situation Unlikely To Improve Till Water Released Into Yamuna: DJB

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New Delhi: Despite the government announcing this year's summer action plan, water supply continues to remain affected in the city.

Several areas have been facing a crisis since April and Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has attributed this problem to Haryana, which is not releasing an adequate amount of raw water in the Yamuna. Due to this, water is being supplied at low pressure in North East, West, North, Central and South districts, and Delhi Cantonment and New Delhi Municipal Council areas.

The government said supply would continue to remain affected till a sufficient quantity of raw water was released by Haryana and has urged people to utilise water judiciously.

Vinayak Malik, general secretary of Sukhdev Vihar Residents' Welfare Association, said, "Most people resi-

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ding in our area are senior citizens. We are facing an acute shortage of water in the midst of the hottest summer. Despite repeated assurances from DJB officials, there is no water supply. Residents feel harassed while arranging for water tankers and spend enormous amounts of money for it."

Residents of Sarita Vihar, Mehrauli, Karol Bagh, Old Delhi and other areas are facing a supply crunch. Earlier, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal had claimed that in the last 2-3 years, water production had reached its highest ever production of 990 mil-

lion gallons per day (MGD).

Sanjay Gupta, vice-president, Model Town RWA, said, "We are facing the problem throughout the day. The water meter runs once the motor is switched on even if there is no supply. In this manner, we are suffering heavy losses."

Last week, DJB had stated that water treatment plants at Haiderpur phase-I and II, Bawana, Nangloi and Dwarka had been affected. The water level in Yamuna at Wazirabad pond stood at 667.3 feet against the normal level of 674.5 feet. Earlier, DJB vice-chairman Saurabh Bhargava had visited the Wazirabad pond to inspect the situation on the ground and instructed officials to devise new engineering solutions to increase water production.

This year's summer action plan mentions water production of 998 MGD, which was around 935 MGD last summer. DJB would be deploying 1,198 tankers in water deficient areas.

Millennium Post- 23- June-2022

· ASSAM: TOLL IN THIS YEAR'S FLOOD, LANDSLIDES RISES TO 101 ·

12 more die; Brahmaputra, and Barak continue to rise

OUR CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI: The flood situation in Assam remained grim on Wednesday as 12 more people were killed and 55 lakh people affected across 32 districts with the rising Brahmaputra and Barak rivers inundating new areas, officials said.

Four people died in Hojai, three each were killed in Barpeta and Nalbari, and two people lost their lives in Kamrup, they said.

With these deaths, the toll in this year's flood and landslides rose to 101, they added.

The flood situation in the three districts of Barak Valley — Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi — remained critical as the water levels of Barak and Kushiara rivers continued to rise, inundating vast tracts of land, officials said.

As per a bulletin of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), 54,57,601 people have been affected by the floods in 32 of the 36 districts in the state.

Among the worst-affected districts are Barpeta where 11,29,390 people are suffering, Kamrup where 7,89,496 people are affected and Dhubri where 5,97,153 people are hit by the devastation.

Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal visited a relief camp at Phulaguri Higher Secondary School in Kapili block in



Villagers use a boat to move to a safer place from a flood-affected area following heavy rainfall in Nagaon PTI

In all, 2,71,125 people have taken shelter in 845 relief camps in the state

Nagaon district, and interacted with the affected people.

He said that a central team would visit the state soon, assess the damage, prepare a report and submit it to the government for support and assistance.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma also travelled to Nagaon, by train, to review the

situation. He toured the different flood-hit areas in a boat and interacted with the people who have taken shelter at the relief camps in Kampur College and Raha Higher Secondary School.

He also interacted with flood-affected people taking shelter at the Chaparmukh railway station. Sarma met the flood-affected families at makeshift relief camps along the national highway in Nellie in Morigaon district and assured them of all possible help.

The chief minister is likely to visit Silchar in Cachar on Thursday to take stock of the situation.

The devastating floods, caused by incessant rainfall, have affected 112 revenue circles and 4,941 villages, officials said. In all, 2,71,125 people have taken shelter in 845 relief camps in the state, they said.

According to the Central Water Commission (CWC), the Kopili river was flowing above the danger level at Kampur in Nagaon district, the Disang and the Brahmaputra at Nimatighat, Tezpur, Goalpara and Dhubri. At least 26 of the total 233 camps have been inundated by the floodwater in Kaziranga National Park with 11 animals dying due to drowning.

The Statesman- 23- June-2022

Assam floods affect over 55 lakh people



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The flood situation in Assam has slightly improved today as the rain stopped for many hours since yesterday but the water level in both Brahmaputra and Barak rivers are flowing above danger levels in many places. The current wave of flood has affected over 55 lakh people in 33 districts, while ninety people died because of flood and landslide related incidents.

Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma visited flood-hit areas of Nagaon district namely Chaparmukh and Kampur. He also talked to the families living in relief camps and took stock of urgent support from the concerned departments. Sarma assured all possible support to the flood-affected families with reliefs and also in the process of rehabilitation once the water recedes.

Meanwhile, Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal also paid a visit to flood-affected areas on Wednesday and met the inmates in Phulaguri relief camp. He expressed satisfaction that a central team is coming to Assam to assess the damage & destruction caused by the devastating flood, following which the team will prepare a report to submit to the Union government. He also reviewed the flood situation on either side of National Highway between Guwahati and Roha.

The Pioneer- 23- June-2022

Assam flood situation grim as 12 die, over 55 lakh people affected

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

The flood situation in Assam continued to remain grim with rising water levels of the Brahmaputra and Barak rivers inundating fresh areas in the Sate and impacting over 55 lakh people across 32 districts, officials said on Wednesday.

Eighty-nine people have lost their lives since mid-May due to deluge, including 12 who died on Wednesday.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma travelled to Nagaon by train to review the situation in flood-hit areas in the district, the officials said, adding that he was also scheduled to visit a few relief camps there.

Nagaon was severely affected by the current wave of floods with over 4,57,381 people coming under the impact of the deluge and 15,188 inmates have taken shelter in 147 relief camps.

"Undertook a train journey from Guwahati to flood-affected areas in Chaparmukh and Kamrup. The journey enabled me to take a closer look at the areas ravaged by flood along the railway tracks, which will help us in taking informed decisions and intervene accordingly," Sarma said on Twitter.

As the floodwaters of Kopili have inundated large areas in Nagaon district, necessary steps will be taken to

prevent the recurrence of such calamity in the future, he said.

Sarma visited Chaparmukh railway station to interact with flood-affected people taking shelter there and took stock of relief materials provided to them.

"Assuring them all possible help, I asked district administration to ensure adequate relief to the affected people & be on stand-by," he said.

The flood situation in three districts of the Barak Valley - Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi - remained critical with rising water levels of the Barak and Kushiara rivers inundating vast tracts of land in the valley, the officials said.

National Disaster Response Force personnel have been engaged in Cachar districts to evacuate people to safe places, while representatives of State Disaster Response Force and other agencies were deployed in the two remaining districts.

Altogether 2,16,851 people have been hit by the flood in 506 villages in Cachar district, 1,47,649 in Karimganj and nearly one lakh in Hailakandi.

The chief minister is scheduled to visit Silchar to review the prevailing flood situation. Transport Minister Parimal Suklabaidya has been camping at Silchar in Cachar and monitoring the flood situation in the Barak valley with the local MLAs, deputy commissioners and senior officials of the three districts.

Meanwhile, Ambassador of Japan to India Satoshi Suzuki expressed sympathy to the families who lost their "beloved ones and are affected by the recent floods and landslides occurring in Assam and Meghalaya".

"Japan always stands with the people in such difficult times," Satoshi said on Twitter.

The CM thanked him for expressing his concern for the state and people affected by the current wave of floods.

"We sincerely acknowledge the support and cooperation of Japan and its beautiful people towards the development of our state," Sarma said on the microblogging site.

Oil India Ltd has contributed Rs 5 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Sarma thanked Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Rameswar Teli and the company's chairman and managing director Sushil Kumar Mishra for the contribution and said this will "significantly aid our ongoing flood-relief work".

Altogether 55,42,053 people have been affected by the



ongoing floods in 32 of the 36 districts of the state.

Seven more people died due to the floods during the last 24 hours, taking the death toll to 89 and one was reported missing from Kamrup, according to a bulletin of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority.

Among the worst-affected districts are Barpeta with 12,51,359 people reeling under the floodwaters, Dhubri with 5,94,708 and Darrang with 5,47,421, according to the bulletin.

The devastating floods, caused by incessant rainfall, affected 121 revenue circles and 5,577 villages, while 2,62,155 inmates have taken shelter in 862 relief camps, it said.

Relief materials were distributed from 825 delivery points among flood-hit people who have not taken shelters in the relief camps.

According to the bulletin of the Central Water Commission (CWC), the Kopili river was flowing above the danger level at Kamrup in Nagaon district,

and the Brahmaputra at Nimatighat, Tezpur, Guwahati, Kamrup, Goalpara and Dhubri.

Water levels in several other rivers such as Puthimari, Pagladia, Beki Barak and Kushiara are also above the danger level.

A cultivated area of 108306.18 hectares and 36,60,173 animals have been affected in the state.

"Seven embankments were breached, while 316 roads and 20 bridges have been damaged," the bulletin said.

At least 26 of the total 233 camps have been inundated by the floodwater in Kaziranga National Park with 11 animals dying due to drowning.

In Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, 14 of the total 25 camps have been inundated though there are no reports of animal deaths.

Large-scale erosion of river banks was reported from Baksa, Biswanath, Bongaigaon, Chirang, Dhubri, Hailakandi, Lakhimpur, Morigaon, Nalbari, Sonitpur, South Salmara, Tamulpur, Tinsukia and Udalguri districts.

Rashtriya Sahara- 23- June-2022

वर्षा जल संचयन के लिए 1,500 गड्ढे तैयार किए जाएंगे : सिसोदिया

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। उपमुख्यमंत्री मनीष सिसोदिया ने दावा किया है कि केजरीवाल सरकार बरसात के पानी को एकत्र रखने के लिए बड़े स्तर पर काम कर रही है। पहले चरण में सरकार ने 1500 से अधिक रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग पिट्स बनाने का निर्णय लिया है। इससे मानसून के दौरान बरसाने के पानी का संचयन करने में मदद काफी मिलेगी। इससे भूजल स्तर में भी सुधार होगा।

बुधवार को संबंधित विभागों के साथ अधिकारियों के साथ उप-मुख्यमंत्री ने समीक्षा बैठक की। बैठक में पीडब्ल्यूडी, दिल्ली जल बोर्ड, दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण, सिंचाई एवं बाढ़ नियंत्रण, दिल्ली नगर निगम, एनडीएमसी के अधिकारी शामिल थे। उन्होंने बताया कि राजधानी में बरसात

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के पानी को सहेजकर रखने का काम युद्धस्तर पर चल रहा है। 15 जुलाई से पहले सभी वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग बनकर तैयार हो जायेंगे। सिसोदिया ने उच्चाधिकारियों

के साथ समीक्षा बैठक की और मौके पर जाकर रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग पिट्स का जायजा लिया। उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार पानी के लिए पड़ोसी राज्यों पर निर्भर है, हम ग्राउंड वाटर को रिचार्ज कर भूजल स्तर बढ़ाना चाहते हैं। जिससे इस पानी को बाद में इस्तेमाल किया जा सके और पानी के मामले में दिल्ली आत्मनिर्भर हो सके। सभी विभाग मिलकर कुल 1548 नए रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग बना रहे हैं। बाद में यह संख्या बढ़ाकर 2475 की जायेगी। इस योजना से बरसात के मौसम में लाखों लीटर पानी का संचयन करने में मदद मिलेगी। इस मुद्दे पर पिछले दिनों मुख्यमंत्री अरविंद केजरीवाल ने डेनमार्क के राजदूत फ्रेडी स्वेन से मुलाकात की और बरसात के पानी का संचयन करने का मॉडल समझा। मुलाकात के दौरान राजदूत ने मुख्यमंत्री के यह फॉर्मूला दिया है। उन्होंने कहा कि रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग प्रणाली सामान्य प्रणाली है। इसमें जमीन पर सोखता गड्ढे बनाए जाते हैं।