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Title : DDA shelves riverfront plan?

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Its Proposal To Allow Big Events On Yamuna Floodplains Opposed By Experts

DDA seems to have shelved its riverfront development plans for now because of different views on the matter.

Earlier, a central government-appointed expert committee headed by C R Babu professor emeritus of DU had almost reached a conclusion on how floodplains ought to be used and what kind of a riverfront was best suited for Delhi.

The committee constituted by NGT had laid out detailed recommendations in April 2014 in a report, "Restoration and Conservation of Yamuna", which factored in the vulnerability of the floodplains. It had also observed that DDA's earlier plan that involved several constructions of walkways, parking lots, cafeteria and others were "untenable". But more than a year after the tribunal ordered that the riverfront be developed accordingly, DDA hasn't started any work on ground.

The reason is complicated. DDA sources told TOI that the authority had proposed an extensive plan making recreational use of the floodplains. The Babu committee, thereafter, submitted a different plan laying stress on environmental factors. "The ministry of shipping too has a different view on what should be a riverfront. Then, you have the Unified Centre for Rejuvenation of River Yamuna (UCRY) under LG Najeeb Jung. All these versions need to be discussed. We couldn't implement Babu's plan because of these issues," said a DDA official.

The ministry of shipping had even conducted a pre-feasibility study and found the Palla-Wazirabad stretch of the Yamuna to be navigable and the Wazirabad-Okhla stretch suitable for limited transport.

Experts, however, feel non-implementation of the Babu report is not only a violation of the NGT's judgment but also allows events like World Culture Festival to be held on the floodplains. "DDA could've started conserving the floodplains by developing wetlands by now if it started implementing NGT's orders. It's clear that DDA didn't own up the plan given to them," said Manoj Mishra whose petition against WCF and pollution in the Yamuna led to the NGT's judgement on the riverfront.

It appears that DDA wants the riverfront to be used for a number of public and recreational facilities. However, the Babu committee which also had A K Gosain of IIT Delhi and former JNU professor Brij Gopal, said that "construction of public facilities by effecting topographic changes will reduce the flood carrying capacity and aggravate flooding. In 2014, there was also a major uproar against a proposal to develop Yamuna's riverfront along the lines of Gujarat's Sabarmati river, which would involve reclaiming floodplains and "developing" them.

Mishra cautions, "The western nations have made many mistakes because of which they are now facing severe floods. Floodplains are crucial to avoid floods."

2014 CONSERVATION PLAN YET TO SEE LIGHT OF THE DAY

MoEF EXPERT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT 'RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION OF RIVER YAMUNA'



- Controlled dredging to remove huge accumulation of sediments and sludge that have reduced the flood-carrying capacity of the main channel, silted up wetlands and floodplain water bodies
- Dredging of the riverbed and pondage of Okhla barrage

Many spurs have lost their original purpose because the river flow has reduced

- In several places they have extended till the current channel and are being developed as parks. This extension and development must be stopped and length of spurs must be restricted to allow a wider space for the river channel to meander and carry more water

- Existing wetlands and water bodies both upstream and downstream of Wazirabad reservoir should be deepened and enlarged
- Culverts must be constructed under the existing guide bunds of roads and flyovers which have fragmented massive wetlands so that flood waters flow without obstruction along the river course and into the floodplain wetlands
- A mosaic of wetlands and floodplain vegetation having native biodiversity should be developed. A cascade of treatment wetlands along the western and eastern banks must be created and the outfall from all major drains should pass through them before discharging into the river channel



- A green belt should be developed on both sides of the embankment, for controlling erosion, reducing sediment load of the main channel, reduce pollution and for beautification.
- Nature trails may be provided across riparian areas for recreation (without losing the ecological functions of the floodplains)
- Control of sewage pollution must be given highest priority. Besides the interceptor sewage being developed, sewage treatment capacity has to be increased, sewerage facilities extended to unsewered areas
- Immediate action to ensure environmental flow in the river, especially downstream of Wazirabad
- Agricultural activity to be regulated and total prohibition of agrochemicals

OVER-ARCHING POLICY

Yamuna is highly vulnerable to several anthropogenic pressures in the absence of regulatory measures and legal protection. The 52km stretch of the river in Delhi and UP should be declared a conservation zone under Section 3 of the Environment Protection Act and appropriate rules must be framed for the human activities to be permitted or prohibited

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Title : Govt promises aid to farmers hit by unseasonal rains

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With unseasonal rains and hailstorm damaging rabi (winter) crops like wheat and mustard in parts of certain states across north, central and western India, the Centre on Monday assured financial assistance to all affected farmers after getting a ground report of the losses.

The assurance came from agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh who told the Lok Sabha that a central team would visit the affected states and he had already spoken to agriculture ministers of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Punjab. Singh said all necessary help would be extended from the National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF) after assessing the extent of damage in different areas.

Besides these four states, farmers in Delhi and Haryana were also affected by the rains and hailstorm over the weekend, which flattened wheat, mustard and coriander crops. As many as 264 villages have been severely affected in Madhya Pradesh alone.



A farmer assesses his damaged wheat crop after heavy rains lashed the area on the outskirts of Jalandhar on Monday



The Ides of March return to haunt

The impact of the unseasonal rain on the rabi crop looks less than last year, but fingers crossed for later this week

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 14

MARCH IS always a tricky month for Indian agriculture, with rabi season crops like wheat, mustard, *chana* (chickpea), *masur* (lentil) and *matar* (field pea) in early maturity or harvesting stages.

Last year saw heavy rain accompanied by strong winds and hail lash large parts of north, west and central India at the beginning of March; these regions ended up receiving between 5 and 15 times their normal average quota of rain for the month.

This year, we are witnessing a repeat — though with significant differences.

The current rain — again, courtesy a low pressure depression induced by western disturbances over north Pakistan and the adjoining Jammu & Kashmir regions — started from March 11 night, and has now more or less stopped. While there have been reports of strong winds, thunderstorms and hail this time too, they seem confined to isolated places over northwest India, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha.

But the big worry is the Met Department's warning of a fresh western disturbance affecting the western Himalayan region from Wednesday night and over the adjoining northwest Indian plains the following day. The impact of the wet spell, both current and the one forecast, would be largely on the wheat due for harvesting from next month.

The wheat crop is currently in the 'milk' or 'early dough' stage in most of India. This is the period when flowering is already complete and grain formation/filling — accumulation of starch matter in the kernels — has just about begun. Rain now isn't bad really, so long as it is gentle showers that help keep the mercury from rising. Ideally, day temperatures should remain within 35 degrees Celsius throughout March. Any sudden spike could lead to premature drying and ripening of the grain. The usual thumb rule here is that every extra day on the field during the grain-filling stage confers an additional wheat yield of 45-50 kg per hectare.

This is precisely what happened in 2014, when wheat production hit a record 95.85 million tonnes (mt) on the back of an extended winter. Last year too, India looked set for a bumper harvest before the untimely heavy showers with strong winds and hail led to large-scale lodging of the crop. As a result, production, which in February 2015 was estimated at 95.76 mt, was revised downwards to 86.53 mt.

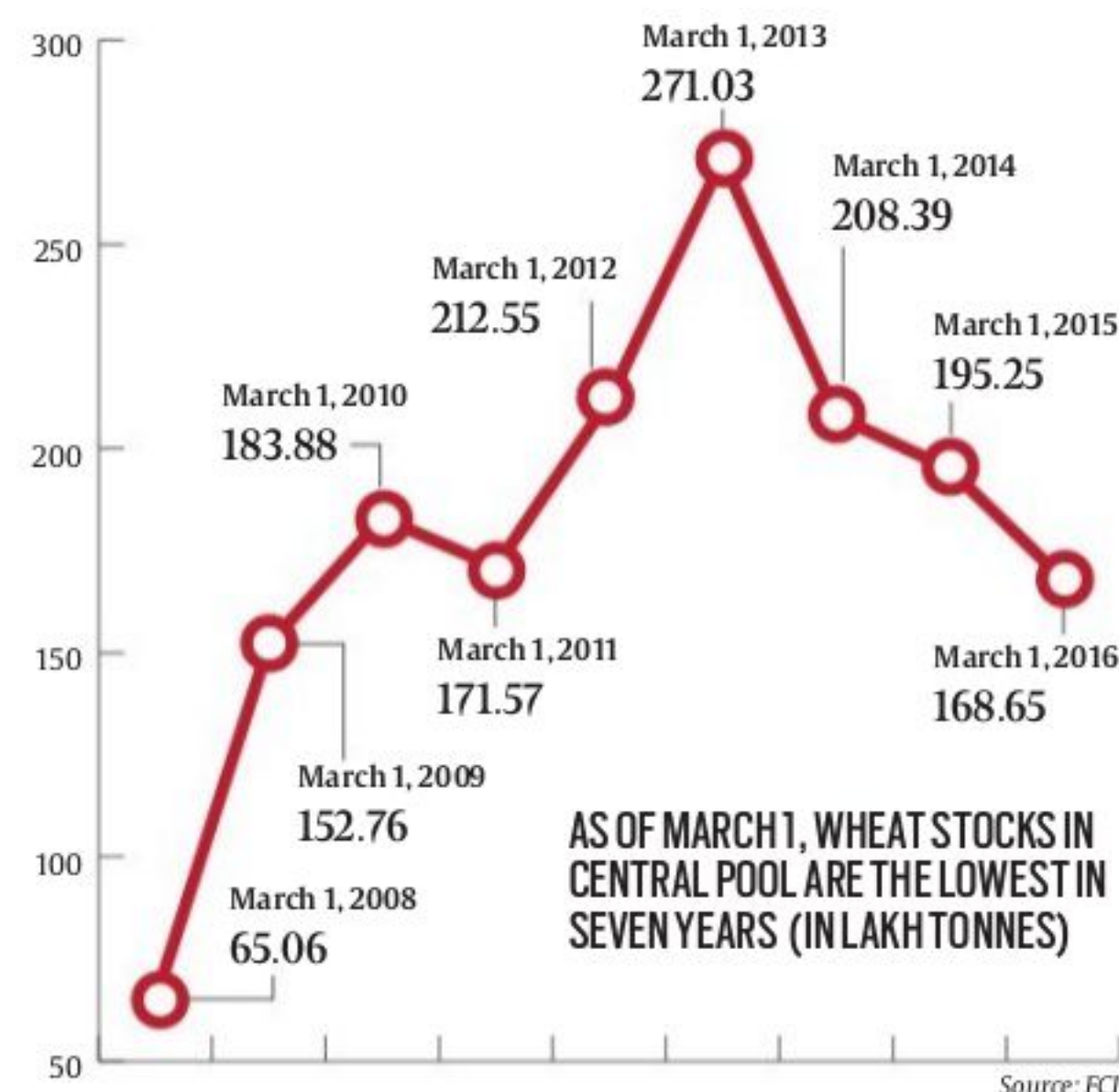
"There hasn't been any widespread lodging reported this time so far. In some areas, partial lodging has happened. But even this crop can recover if the skies clear, which they have today, and there are no further heavy rains," says R K Gupta, acting director of the Indian Institute of Wheat & Barley Research at Karnal, Haryana.

The negative production impact from "five per cent crop lodging", according to him, can be more than offset if the "remaining 95 per cent" wheat benefits from the lowering of temperatures, which, until last week, was about 5 degrees above normal. These could have well led to the crop maturing 7-10 days early and translating into a yield loss of roughly half-a-tonne per hectare, or 13-14 mt in all. That can have serious implications when wheat stocks in government godowns are at a seven-year-low (see chart), although they are still above the normative minimum requirement of 7.5 mt at the start of the new marketing season from April 1.

The impact of the rain is seen to be less in



The flattened wheat crop at Chamaria village in Rohtak district after rain and hail on Saturday. The crop is currently in its crucial 'milk' stage. Express photo



mustard, where over 70% harvesting is complete. "Only the standing crop sown late, towards the first week of November (as against the normal time of October 15-25), may have suffered damage in some parts. On the whole, we expect a bumper crop, especially with no major incidence of stem rot, white rust or altemaria blight this year," says Dhiraj Singh, who heads the Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research at Bharatpur, Rajasthan.

There is some concern with regard to rabi pulses, particularly *chana*. While the crop in western and southern India was already harvested by February-end, this is not the case in MP, UP, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. The crop

here is still either in the field or lying on the threshing floor after having been harvested.

"The standing crop is prone to pod shattering, when you have heavy rains followed by sudden drying due to sunshine. Even the harvested grain that has not been threshed can suffer quality deterioration, or germinate," notes Narendra Pratap Singh, director, Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur.

As of now, the damage to the rabi crop from the unseasonal March rain appears to be not as bad as last year, though there may be individual farmers who would have been as, if not more, affected. Whether there is more to come will be known after March 18.

Lift to reservoir levels silver lining to cloud

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 14

UNEXPECTED RAIN in the last four days over most of northern and eastern India has brought back memories of last year which saw the wettest March since 1915, receiving more than double the normal rainfall for the month.

The rain in the last few days has not been that overwhelming, but the Met department says it is likely to continue until at least March 17, and possibly beyond. The country as a whole receives about 25 mm of rain in March; it got more than 50 mm last year.

Rain in March is generally caused by what are known as 'western disturbances', rain-bearing wind systems that originate beyond Afghanistan and Iran, picking up moisture from as far as the Mediterranean Sea, even the Atlantic Ocean.

They travel in the form of storms from the northwest, and cause rainfall over Pakistan, north and northwest India, Uttarakhand, some parts of the Gangetic plains, and even the northeastern part of the country. These wind systems sometimes build up four or five times a month, and even though they are the primary reason for rainfall in the non-monsoon months in northern and eastern India, not all western disturbances necessarily result in rain.

In the first two months of this year, the country as a whole was nearly 60% deficient in rainfall. Even after the first week of March, when it had begun raining in some parts, the deficiency was more than 30%.

But in the last few days, Shimla and Gangtok have recorded almost 100 mm rainfall, Dibrugarh about 70 mm, and Chandigarh and Aurangabad in Maharashtra almost 50 mm. Many places in northern and eastern India received surprise rainfall.

March rainfall is due to rain-bearing wind systems originating beyond Iran, which travel towards north western India and J&K. These 'western disturbances' may occur up to several times a month

The forecast is for more rain over north and north-western India, Gangetic plains and northeastern India. "A fresh western disturbance is likely to affect the western Himalayan region from March 16 night and adjoining plains of northwest India from March 17," the Met Department has said in its latest forecast, predicting rain in the next week as well.

While the rain may not be good for standing crops, it will certainly boost water levels in the reservoirs of northern and eastern India, which were fast depleting in the absence of any winter rain this season. The total storage in the 91 big reservoirs is only 74% of the normal.

March rain had affected agriculture last year as well but had boosted water levels in the reservoirs, helping them survive the low rainfall in the monsoon months. The reservoirs had been reporting above average storage until the first half of August last year even though July had been extremely dry.

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The global temperature in February smashed monthly records to become the warmest month in more than a century of recordkeeping. According to Nasa data, global surface temperatures across land and ocean in February were 1.35°C warmer than the average temperature for that month, measured from the 1951-1980 baseline.

The previous record was set in January, which was 1.14°C warmer than the baseline average for that month.

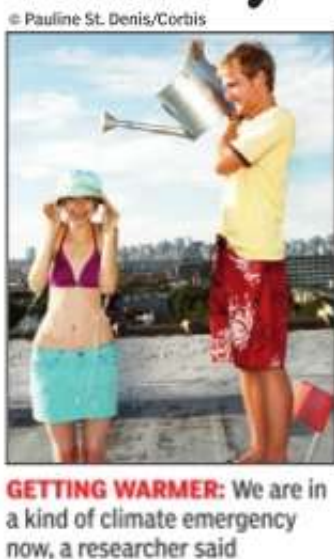
Gavin Schmidt, the director of Nasa's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) tweeted the temperature analysis. "Normally I don't comment on individual months, but last month was special," Schmidt wrote in his tweet.

The result was "a true shocker, and yet another reminder of the incessant long-term rise in global temperature resulting from human-produced greenhouse gases", Jeff Masters and Bob Henson wrote, in a blog analysing the data on Weather Underground.

However, February did not break the record for hottest month, which is likely to only happen during summer in the northern hemisphere.

El Nino is considered to have contributed to the current record run of global temperatures. The weather event increases the area of warm surface water across the Pacific, allowing global oceans to transfer heat more readily into the atmosphere. However, compared with the El Nino record of 1997-98, global temperatures are around 0.5° hotter.

"We are in a kind of climate emergency now," Stefan Rahmstorf, from Germany's Potsdam Institute of Climate Impact Research, told Sydney Morning Herald. "In short", Masters and Henson wrote, "we are now hurtling at a frightening pace toward the globally agreed maximum of 2.0°C warming over pre-industrial levels." THE INDEPENDENT & AGENCIES



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Title : Early-March scores high on rain meter

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After witnessing a 96% rain deficit in January and February , Delhi has received a windfall with 12.9mm rain recorded in the first 11 days of March against a monthly normal of 15.9mm. Between 8.30am and 8.30pm on Friday , the Safdarjung observatory recorded 6.7mm rain with the promise of more to come over the next two days.

B P Yadav, director of India Meteorological Department (IMD), said a western disturbance (WD), as an upper air cyclonic circulation, was lying over Afghanistan and the neighbouring areas and this resulted in the widespread rain over northwest India. “An associated induced upper air cyclonic circulation lies over central Pakistan and adjoining northwest Rajasthan and Punjab. These weather systems are likely to move gradually east-northeastwards during the next three days and will affect northwest, central and east India in the meantime,” he said.

Most parts of the city recorded light-to-moderate rainfall from 3.30 pm. The airport recorded a thunders torm between 4.30pm and 5.30pm with a hailstorm for five minutes in which hail, the size of 1-2mm, hit the region. “Palam recorded 12.8mm in just one hour which was more than three times of what was recorded in a little over five months after monso on,” said R K Jenamani, director incharge, IGI Met.

WD will bring rain and snowfall at most places over the western Himalayan region till Sunday . Rain and thundershowers will also occur at most places over the plains of north west India during the same period. Central India will be affected a little later where some places will witness rain and thundershowers from Saturday to Monday .

Yadav said, “One or two places in Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh will receive heavy rain and snowfall on Friday and Saturday . Heavy rain is also expected at one or two places over Punjab, Haryana and west Uttar Pradesh on Saturday . Thunderstorm accompanied with squall or hail is also expected at isolated places in Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and west UP on Saturday .“

WD will be most active over Delhi on Saturday when it may bring two to three spells of rain. It will start weakening by Sunday afternoon and by Monday it will weaken significantly.

Another WD is expected on March 18 which is not as strong as the current one which is not as strong as the current one and there is no consensus on whether it will bring rain to Delhi. An official said a study of most extended range forecast models for March 19 to 28 does not show any significant WD moving across the plains and thus chances of any significant rainfall over Delhi has been ruled out.



CHANGE OF SCENE: 12.9mm rain was recorded in the first 11 days of March

Snow brings cheer, gloom



KUFRI LOOKS SPLENDID AFTER FRESH SNOWFALL IN SHIMLA ON MONDAY. PTI

Cold wave claims 2 lives in Chamba

Two persons lost their lives due to cold-wave conditions revived by heavy snowfall on the higher hills of the district during the past 24 hours. Reports said the authorities had been directed to carry out relief and rescue operations and identify the deceased. Five kutchha houses collapsed and the patwarkhana building at Sanwal was also damaged.

Bad weather hits search op in Chamba

- The search operation to locate the two missing youths — Vikas Gupta and Vivek Beri — could not be resumed due to the bad weather
- It has been snowing in Manimahesh, Chamba district. The youths had gone missing near Sundarasi, a few km above Dhanchho on Monday, while three of them had returned.
- Chamba DC Sudesh Mokhta said the operation would be restarted once the weather conditions improved

Another spell in hills

- Higher reaches and tribal areas received another spell of snow
- Kufri received a fresh spell of snow bringing smiles on the faces of tourists while Shimla witnessed snow followed by rains



NCP LEADER CHHAGAN BHUJBAL ARRESTED IN MONEY-LAUNDERING CASE

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Untimely rain, hail damage **rabi crops**

REPLAY OF 2015 North and central India farmers hit hard

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NEW DELHI: Heavy rainfall accompanied by hail over the weekend damaged crops in key food-producing states across north and central India, triggering fears of higher food prices amid a deepening nationwide agrarian crisis.

A good crop was a must this season for the sustenance of farmers who suffered because of unseasonal rainfall in March-April last year followed by a drought that reduced output of summer crops. A good yield was expected this year but heavy rains induced by westerly disturbances flattened the wheat crop less than a month before harvest in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

"The damage can be up to 50% in several districts of Haryana, Punjab, northern Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh," an agriculture ministry official said, adding that state governments had been asked to submit reports.

Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal ordered divisional commissioner A Anbarasu to assess the

FIELDS OF GLOOM

Wheat and mustard crops worst-hit in six states lashed by unseasonal rains

PUNJAB: Wheat, mustard, peas

HARYANA: Wheat, mustard, cabbage, potato

UTTAR PRADESH: Wheat, peas, mustard, potato and mango

RAJASTHAN: Wheat, cumin seeds and mustard

MADHYA PRADESH: Wheat, mustard, gram and orange

HIMACHAL: Apple, pear, apricot



■ Patiala farmers tend to flattened wheat crops. BHARAT BHUSHAN / HT

damage to crops due to unseasonal hailstorms and rain in the Capital. "Have asked Div Commissioner to assess damage to crops of farmers in Delhi due to unseasonal rains (sic)," Kejriwal tweeted.

The governments of Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan also instructed officials to assess the loss.

In 2015, the Centre gave states about ₹8,000 crore for crop losses due to unseasonal rains.

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Inflation down in Feb, rate cut hopes up

Retail inflation, a measure of changes in shop-end prices, grew at 5.18% in February, down from 5.69% in January, data released on Monday showed. Wholesale food inflation also stayed negative for the 16th straight month, driven down by fresh supplies of seasonal vegetables >>>P17

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Untimely rain, hail damage rabi crops

In Madhya Pradesh, protesting farmers took a tractor trolley full of hailstones to the office of the SDM, Banda in Sagar district and a chakka jam protest was held on NH-86 near Banda on the Sagar-Chatarpur road to draw the administration's attention towards damage to crops.

In Rohtak, Ram Chander, a Dalit farmer who had taken two acres of land on contract for ₹25,000, said rain and thunderstorm had almost completely destroyed his wheat crop.

"There is not much left," he said, crying for government help.

Farmer Kundan Lal Jatav of Ghatla village in Rajasthan's Alwar district said with tears in his eyes that rain and hail ruined his entire mustard crop on seven bighas of land.

The government needs about 62 million tonnes of grains, including wheat and rice, to ensure steady supply of food items under the national food security law. Good crops in 2014 had ensured adequate stocks but crop damage in two consecutive

years can exert a burden on the buffer maintained by the Food Corporation of India.

Experts say the government might not have enough buffer stocks to sell in the market to keep wheat prices under check.

Apart from wheat, officials admit, there has been extensive damage to mustard, potato and peas in these states. The showers have withered the flowering of mangoes in Uttar Pradesh and apple, pears and apricots in Himachal Pradesh.

Congress vice-president

Rahul Gandhi raised the issue in the Lok Sabha and asked the government to assess the crop damage and provide adequate compensation to the affected farmers.

"After the hailstorm and heavy rains, farmers of northern India are in distress. The government must act to give relief to farmers affected by crop damage," Gandhi said in the Lok Sabha.

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Guv caught in quandary over water dispute

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 14

Caught up in an unprecedented predicament, Governor Kaptan Singh Solanki today made an unconventional deviation from reading his address to accede to the demand of the opposition by stating, "There are always ways to rectify issues that are unconstitutional and not judicious. I assure you issues that are judicious will be respected."

He was responding to the INLD demand to read his speech only after assuring the House he would not give assent to a move by Punjab to scrap the SYL canal agreement.

Solanki, who also holds the additional charge of Punjab, has had to adopt two views on the issue of water dispute between Punjab and Haryana. Incidentally, Solanki is the BJP's choice for the gubernatorial post in both the states that has the BJP government in Haryana and the BJP as an alliance partner in Punjab.

Reading out his address in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha last week, the Governor had said his government would not allow SYL to carry Punjab's water to Haryana, while in his address in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, he said government would protect Haryana's interest by the early completion of the SYL.

Even though the Governor only reads from a pre-written address reflecting the government's policy on major issues, in his 44 page address in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, the Governor made no direct reference to the recent

Divergent views

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Haryana is in para 3 that reads, "A few weeks back, some dark forces created law and order problem in eight districts of the state. An attempt was made at casting asunder the social cohesion and sense of brotherhood among the people of the state. These attempts were thwarted by swift and resolute action by my Government and peace and order were restored in all parts of the state in a short time...." The Governor further appreciated the efforts of the armed forces and paramilitary in restoring peace, but he has nowhere condemned the acts of violence or those who indulged in hooliganism.

Coming back to the SYL issue in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, the Governor said, "My government is committed to obtaining its legitimate share of the Ravi-Beas waters and the completion of the Satluj-Yamuna Link Canal."

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tion of the SYL Canal).

SYL canal row: House terms Punjab move patently illegal

PRADEEP SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 14

The Haryana Vidhan Sabha today passed a "unanimous" resolution, condemning the passage of a Bill by the Punjab Assembly that de-notified land for the SYL canal.

It termed the Bill "unilateral and unconstitutional" and said the Bill denied the authority of the Supreme Court, "a step only to draw political mileage".

The resolution moved by Irrigation Minister Om Prakash Dhankar, termed Punjab's move "a patently illegal act and in utter contempt of the Constitution, federal structure of the country and the rule of law".

"This is a sinister move of the Punjab Government, having dangerous potential to undermine the unity and integrity of this country," the resolution alleged, urging the Centre to annul the "illegal and unconstitutional action".

Dhankar, while moving the resolution, said that since the formation of Haryana in 1966, and despite the tripartite agreement between Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan in 1981, Rajiv Longowal Accord in 1985 and two historical decisions of the Supreme Court in 2002 and 2004, Haryana had been deprived of more than half of its legitimate share of 3.5 MAF in surplus Ravi-Beas waters, resulting in the reduction in agricultural production to the tune of 8 lakh tonnes every year and causing a perpetual annual



Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar welcomes Governor Kaptan Singh Solanki on the opening day of the Budget session of the Assembly in Chandigarh on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANOJ MAHAJAN

Budget on March 18

Chandigarh: The Haryana Budget will be presented on March 18 in the ongoing 17-day Budget session of the Haryana Assembly. A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee of the Haryana Assembly held under the chairmanship of Speaker Kanwar Pal Gujjar here on Monday. It was decided to extend the session for two days till March 31. TNS

Assembly resolution

“Punjab's move is a patently illegal act and is in utter contempt of the Indian Constitution, federal structure of the country and the rule of law. This is a sinister move of the Punjab Government, having dangerous potential to undermine the unity and integrity of this country. The Union Government must annul the illegal and unconstitutional action”

loss of about Rs 1,000 crore. Instead of fulfilling its legal and constitutional obligation to provide Haryana its legitimate share of water, the Punjab Government preferred to pass the Punjab Termination of Agreements Act, 2004, the minister said.

“Now, Punjab has made another attempt to circumvent and divert the outcome of the Presidential Refer-

Yamuna Link Canal (Rehabilitation and Re-vesting of Proprietary Rights) Bill to de-notify the land, lawfully acquired for the canal,” Dhankar alleged.

Quoting a Constitution Bench in the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal when an ordinance was passed by a state seeking to nullify the order of this court, the minister said: “Such an act is an invitation to lawlessness

the decisions of the judicial authorities. The action forebodes evil consequences to the federal structure under the Constitution and opens doors for each state to act in the way it desires, disregarding not only the rights of the other states, the orders passed by instrumentalities constituted under an Act of Parliament, but also the provisions of the Constitution. If the power of a state to issue such an ordinance is upheld, it will lead to the breakdown of the constitutional mechanism and affect the unity and integrity of the nation.”

CM Manohar Lal Khattar urged all parties to unanimously pass the resolution in the interest of the state. He condemned the unilateral and unconstitutional action of Punjab, which he said was a step to draw political mileage.

The debate, which was held in the absence of Congress legislators, saw exchange of words among

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and anarchy, in as much as the ordinance is a manifestation of a desire on the part of the state to be a judge in its own cause and to defy

Dhankar and Capt Abhimanyu (BJP) on the one hand, and Jaswinder Sandhu (INLD) and Kuldeep Bishnoi (HJC) on the other.

throat," Owaisi said, amid said.

Punjab House passes SYL Bill

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

Chandigarh, 14 March

Even as Haryana government today said it has legitimate right on Ravi-Beas waters and will obtain completion of the Satluj-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, the Punjab Assembly on Monday passed the Punjab Satluj-Yamuna Link Canal Land (Transfer of Property Rights) Bill 2016, which seeks to de-notify about 5,300 acres acquired for the canal, unanimously.

Introduced by Punjab chief minister (CM) Parkash Singh Badal, the Bill seeks to return 3,928 acres of land free of cost to the original landowners.

It said the state government will notify the terms and conditions for transfer of land and record rights will stand amended and automatically modified by the revenue authorities concerned. Suitable machinery will also be notified by the state government to set all claims of landowners.

According to the Bill, no suit, prosecution and legal proceeding can be instituted against the state government or any person for anything done in good faith. No civil court will have jurisdiction to entertain any suit or proceedings in respect of any matter arising with regard to this Bill.

Meanwhile, in his address on the opening day of the budget session of Haryana Assembly governor Kaptan Singh Solanki expressed Haryana government's commitment to take Haryana's share of water from Ravi and Beas rivers and to complete construction of Satluj-Yamuna link canal.

"The concerted efforts made by the government to secure early hearing of the Presidential Reference, which has been pending for the last more than 11 years, have borne fruit and the matter has now been taken up for regular hearing by the Supreme Court," the governor said.

Punjab Assembly passes Bill to return SYL land

**KANCHAN VASDEV &
KHUSHBOO SANDHU**

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 14

THE PUNJAB Assembly Monday unanimously passed the contentious Punjab Satluj Yamuna Link Canal Land (Transfer of Proprietary Rights) Bill, 2016, proposing to re-vest property rights to the owners of nearly 3,928 acres of land acquired to construct the SYL canal.

The Bill was moved by Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal who sought to address the concerns of the farmers by stating that no money should be recovered from the farmers upon returning the land acquired for SYL. The government's alliance partner BJP supported the ruling party on the issue.

The Bill that was tabled after the question hour triggered a war for credit between the legislators of treasury and Opposition benches.

Congress Legislative Party (CLP) leader Charanjit Singh Channi said the Congress was with the BJP-SAD com-

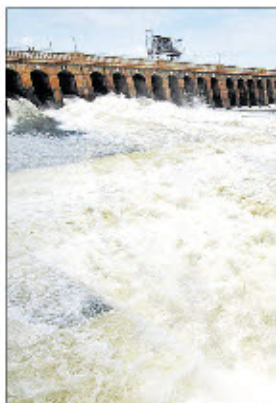
bine on the passage of the Bill. But he sought to read the party's notice for motion of adjournment on the issue, stating it was the Congress that suggested re-vesting of property rights.

Channi was, however, not allowed to read the notice for the motion with Speaker Charanjit Singh Atwal stating the notice stands rejected as the Chief Minister, who is the leader of the House, had sought to bring in a resolution on the same issue. This led to protests on the floor of the House with Congress member Jagmohan Singh Kang sitting on a dharna in the well of the House.

The Bill was passed amid this commotion.

Later, Channi sought a clarification on whether the Bill was recorded to be passed unanimously, to which the Speaker clarified in affirmative.

Meanwhile, the Haryana Vidhan Sabha unanimously passed a resolution on the first day of the Budget Session condemning the passage of the Bill by the Punjab Assembly to denotify land used for construction of Satluj-Yamuna Link (SYL) Canal and calling it "unconstitutional".



Water in KRS sufficient for B'luru this summer

Mysuru: Bengaluru won't face any water shortage till June-end as the Kabini and Krishnaraja Sagar reservoirs have sufficient water to meet the demand, according to the dam authorities. There won't neither be any water scarcity for Mysuru and Mandya also.

KRS Dam Superintendent Engineer Shankregowda said on Thursday that of the 11.5 tmc feet water available, 7.5 tmc feet was reserved for drinking purpose in Mysuru, Mandya and Bengaluru.

The KRS has a capacity to store 15.5 tmc feet of water of which 11.5 tmc ft of water could be made use of. Everyday, Bengaluru and Mysuru receive 600 and 200 cusecs of water from the reservoir, respectively. "With available water, we can meet the water needs of Bengaluru and Mysuru cities, till June-end," he said.

Four tmc feet of water is being released from the KRS as the third instalment for irrigation purposes from March 2. The water would be released till March 20.

Mysuru city, which has a population of more than 10 lakh, needs 230 million litres per day (MLD) of water. Rivers Cauvery and Kabini are the major sources of drinking water in the region.

The Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), which manages water supply in the city, lifts 100, 70 and 60 MLD of water from Hongalli, Megalapura and Belagola water pumping stations respectively.

VVWW Executive Engineer L N Anand told Deccan Herald, Mysuru needs 2,000 million cubic feet of water per month. At present, KRS has a storage up to 90.43 feet. VVWW can lift water from the dam, till the water level comes down to 75 ft.

Even though usage of water is a little high during summer, we can manage with available water," he said.

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Haryana, Punjab row over SYL canal escalates

The festering row over sharing of the Ravi-Beas waters escalated on Monday with the Punjab Assembly passing a Bill against construction of contentious Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, sparking an immediate adoption of a resolution by the Haryana Assembly condemning the other State's move as "unconstitutional".

As the two neighbouring States ruled by the NDA were locked in a bitter confrontation and passed the measures unanimously, the Centre told the Supreme Court it was not taking sides over the sharing of water through SYL Canal which has been under dispute for over five decades. The canal was to carry Haryana's share of Ravi-Beas waters.

In an attempt to prevent its neighbouring States from getting share from Punjab's river waters, the State assembly unanimously passed a bill against the construction of SYL canal, providing transfer of proprietary rights back to the land owners free of cost.

Leader of House and Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal moved the 'Punjab Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal land (transfer of proprietary right) Bill' with the objective "to provide for transfer of proprietary rights to the land owners from whom the land was acquired by the state government for the construction of SYL."

Moving the Bill, Mr. Badal said: "The Bill had been taken on priority basis as Punjab had no surplus waters to share it with other States."

He said that a water crisis existed in Punjab and "if a drop of water flow to other states from rivers of Punjab it will be very dangerous for the State." - PTI

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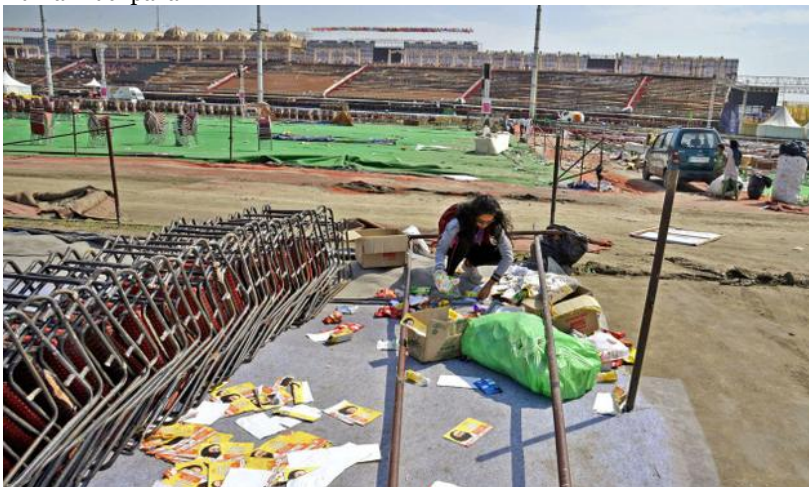
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Post festivities, clean-up act begins on Yamuna floodplains

• Staff Reporter



A ragpicker collects plastic bottles (above), while a volunteer clears up the site where the three-day mega event was held. Photos: Shiv Kumar Pushpakar



It will take weeks before the World Culture Festival venue is cleared of erected structures

It will take weeks before the site of the Art of Living Foundation's three-day World Culture Festival, which ended on Sunday, is freed of the massive seven-acre stage and other structures put up there.

The venue on the Yamuna floodplains hosted thousands of artistes and lakhs of visitors from across the world.

The festival, however, attracted the ire of the National Green Tribunal after environmentalists filed petitions asking for the venue to be shifted as no construction was allowed on the floodplains.

Though the NGT ultimately allowed the festival to happen, it imposed a fine of Rs. 5 crore on the Foundation.

On Monday, workers of private cleaning and housekeeping companies hired by AoL began clearing the venue of the huge amount of litter strewn around. Posters, pamphlets and garbage could be seen on the ground as workers and volunteers began cleaning up.

"The structure of the 7-acre stage will take two to three weeks to dismantle. The cleaning efforts will continue thereafter," the Art of Living Foundation said in a statement.

The Foundation added that the contract for cleaning had been given to Hemant Gaekwad, who also works for the Prime Minister's Office and Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Meanwhile, the potential impact of the mega event on the ecologically-sensitive floodplains will be assessed in the coming week.

The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), which had issued directions to the Foundation to follow environmental norms, will conduct an inspection with other members of a committee set up by the NGT.

"The directions issued with regard to waste disposal, waste water and air quality are statutory. It is a criminal offence if they are not followed," said a senior DPCC official.

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA), which had given the land for the festival, will be waiting and watching as well.

"If the organiser does not return the land to us in the condition it was handed over to them, we will deduct the money from the security deposit and carry out the cleaning ourselves," said a DDA official.

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SC refuses to stop Punjab's Bill on SYL canal

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The Supreme Court on Monday refused to intervene in poll-bound Punjab's push to pass a Bill to return land acquired for the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, which is at the centre of a water-sharing dispute with Haryana.

A five-judge Constitution Bench simply adjourned a Presidential Reference on the validity of a 2004 law — Punjab Termination of Agreements Act — under which Punjab had sought to ease out of its liability to share the waters of Ravi, Beas and Sutlej. The maiden hearing on the Reference, over a decade since it came to the Supreme Court for advice, saw the Bench adjourn the case to March 17.

This was despite the Haryana government seeking an early hearing.

Haryana had revived the Reference even as the Punjab Cabinet gave the green signal for tabling the Punjab Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal (Rehabilitation and Re-vesting of Proprietary Rights) Bill, 2016, in the State Assembly. It provided for the return of over 5000 acres of land acquired from farmers for the canal.

Haryana counsel and senior advocate Shyam Diwan made a strong pitch for the apex court's intervention to stop Punjab from passing the Bill. Mr. Diwan said Punjab cannot "successively legislate" away the Supreme Court's role as the primary protector of the Constitution and the court's duty to strike a balance between the interests of both the States.

He said while the 2004 Act was intended to defeat two Supreme Court judgments ordering Punjab to construct the canal on its territory, the new Bill was aimed at rendering the current Reference infructuous. He squarely put the onus on the Bench to stop Punjab, arguing that "it is the duty of this Court to maintain the integrity of the federal structure."

Mr. Diwan asked the Court to act against being pushed over by the new Bill and not adjourn the Reference hearing. The Haryana government claimed that the "unity and integrity of the nation" was at stake in this case.

"You have to strike a balance between the States, large and small, powerful and weak, upstream or downstream. If you allow them to trump over your jurisdiction by successively legislating away, your powers, considered a linchpin in the Constitution, will lie denuded," Mr. Diwan said.

"Let the legislative process go on," the NDA government, represented by Attorney-General Mukul Rohatgi, submitted. "The law can be challenged in the Supreme Court. An adjournment will not affect the integrity and unity of the nation... I do not want a completely unpleasant situation at the border of the National Capital, like what we saw in Haryana three weeks ago..."

Senior advocates Ram Jethmalani and R.S. Suri objected to the tone of arguments made by Haryana. "It was too much of an insulting argument to make that we are trying to destroy the dignity of this Court. Federalism is alright, but they [Punjab] also have to find out what is best for their own people," Mr. Jethmalani submitted, seeking some time to take instructions.

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बारिश से पहाड़ों जैसी साफ हुई हवा

राहत

नई दिल्ली | विवेक तिवारी

मौसम में आए बदलाव से इस वर्ष पहली बार दिल्ली में पहाड़ों जैसी साफ हवा दर्ज की जा रही है। पिछले तीन दिनों में हुई बारिश से हवा में प्रदूषण का स्तर मानकों के अनुरूप या कई जगहों पर मानकों से भी कम हो गया है।

दिल्ली की हवा में प्रदूषण के स्तर पर नजर रखने के लिए पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय की ओर से चलाए जा रहे प्रोजेक्ट सफर की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, दिल्ली की हवा में सोमवार को पीएम-2.5 का स्तर 50 से 60 माइक्रोग्राम प्रति क्यूबिक मीटर के करीब दर्ज किया गया। मानकों के तहत हवा में इसकी मात्रा 60 माइक्रोग्राम प्रति क्यूबिक मीटर से कम होना चाहिए। वहीं, पीएम-10 का स्तर 100 से 110



राजधानी के विभिन्न इलाकों में सोमवार सुबह बारिश दर्ज की गई। इस दौरान बच्ची को स्कूल ले जाते उसके अभिभावक। • सौम्या खंडेलवाल

माइक्रोग्राम प्रति क्यूबिक मीटर के करीब रहा। मानकों के तहत इसकी मात्रा 100 माइक्रोग्राम प्रति क्यूबिक मीटर से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए।

सफर प्रोजेक्ट के निदेशक डॉक्टर गुफरान बेग ने बताया कि पिछले तीन दिनों में राजधानी में दर्ज की गई अच्छी बारिश व अधिक तापमान न होने से वर्ष

कहां कितना प्रदूषण

इलाके	पीएम-10	पीएम-2.5
मथुरा रोड	78	60
पीतमपुरा	80	68
विश्वविद्यालय	83	77
आया नगर	85	92
लोधी रोड	89	67
पूसा	86	67
एयरपोर्ट	106	98
धीरपुर	221	177

एयर क्वालिटी इंडेक्स के अनुसार, पीएम-2.5 और पीएम-10 की हवा में मात्रा 100 से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए।

में पहली बार दिल्ली में इतनी साफ हवा दर्ज की गई है। अगले कुछ दिनों तक हवा में प्रदूषण मानकों के आसपास रहने की ही संभावना है। तापमान में वृद्धि के साथ

आज आसमान रहेगा साफ

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, मंगलवार को आसमान रहने की संभावना है। साथ ही, सुबह के समय हवा में नमी दर्ज की जाएगी। अधिकतम तापमान 29 डिग्री सेल्सियस व न्यूनतम तापमान 17 डिग्री सेल्सियस के करीब रह सकता है। पिछले 24 घंटों में राजधानी में 0.3 मिलीमीटर बारिश दर्ज की गई। सोमवार को अधिकतम तापमान 27.4 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा। वहीं, न्यूनतम तापमान 17.1 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, 19 मार्च के करीब एक पश्चिमी विक्षोभ सक्रिय हो रहा है। ऐसे में सप्ताह के अंत में एक बार फिर बारिश हो सकती है।

ही हवा में प्रदूषण का स्तर बढ़ेगा। फिलहाल, अगले तीन से चार दिनों तक हवा में प्रदूषण का स्तर अधिक बढ़ने की संभावना कम ही है।

• बेमौसम बारिश और ओलावृष्टि से फसल बर्बाद, संसद में दूसरे सदस्यों ने भी उठाया मुद्दा

किसानों को फौरन राहत दें: राहुल

नई दिल्ली | विशेष संवाददाता

कांग्रेस उपाध्यक्ष राहुल गांधी ने बेमौसम बरसात और ओलावृष्टि से फसलों को हुए नुकसान का मुद्दा उठाते हुए सरकार से किसानों को मदद देने की मांग की है। लोकसभा में राहुल ने केंद्र सरकार से फसलों को हुए नुकसान का जायजा लेने के लिए फौरन केंद्रीय दल भेजने की भी मांग की।

लोकसभा की कार्यवाही शुरू होते ही राहुल ने बेमौसम बारिश से किसानों को हुए नुकसान की भरपाई का मुद्दा उठाया। उन्होंने स्थगन प्रस्ताव पेश करते हुए इस विषय पर चर्चा की मांग की। राहुल ने कहा कि किसानों को काफी नुकसान हुआ है, सरकार को जल्द राहत देनी चाहिए। बेमौसम बारिश और ओलावृष्टि का जिक्र करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि नुकसान के आकलन के लिए केंद्रीय टीम भेजी जानी चाहिए। कांग्रेस नहीं चाहती कि पिछली बार की तरह किसानों को राहत पहुंचाने में देरी हो।

बेमौसम बारिश से हुए नुकसान पर कृषि मंत्री को सदन में जवाब देना चाहिए। इस पर संसदीय कार्यमंत्री एम वेंकैया नायडू ने कहा कि यह बेहद गंभीर विषय है। उन्होंने खुद इस मामले में कृषि मंत्री

राज्यों की रिपोर्ट के आधार पर केंद्रीय मदद : राधामोहन

नई दिल्ली। देश के कई हिस्सों में हुई बेमौसम बरसात और ओलावृष्टि से फसलों को हुए नुकसान पर केंद्र ने चिंता जताई है। सरकार ने सोमवार को कहा कि राज्यों से रिपोर्ट आने के बाद केंद्रीय दल वहां जाकर आकलन करेंगे और उसके हिसाब से सहायता दी जाएगी।

केंद्रीय कृषि मंत्री राधामोहन सिंह ने असमय वर्षा और ओलावृष्टि से किसानों को हुए नुकसान पर लोकसभा में बयान दिया। मंत्री ने बताया कि उन्होंने संबंधित सभी राज्यों के कृषि मंत्रियों या अधिकारियों से बात कर स्थिति का जायजा लिया है। उन्होंने कहा कि मध्य प्रदेश के कृषि मंत्री से सोमवार सुबह बात हुई, जिसमें उन्होंने बताया कि 264 गांवों में फसलों को नुकसान हुआ

से संपर्क किया है। कृषि मंत्री संबंधित राज्यों से बारिश और ओलावृष्टि से हुए नुकसान की जानकारी जमा कर रहे हैं। कृषि मंत्री इसी सत्र के दौरान संसद में इस विषय पर विस्तृत जवाब देंगे। शून्यकाल

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है। क्षेत्रों की विस्तृत जानकारी बाद में दी जाएगी।

मंत्री ने कहा कि इसी तरह राजस्थान, पंजाब और उत्तर प्रदेश के कृषि मंत्रियों से भी उनकी बातचीत हुई है। सभी ने 3-4 दिन में रिपोर्ट देने को कहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि हमारे केंद्रीय दल तैयार हैं। राज्य सरकारों से विवरण आने के बाद वे वहां जाकर नुकसान का आकलन करेंगे और उसके हिसाब से उन्हें सहायता दी जाएगी।

के दौरान भी कई सदस्यों ने इस मुद्दों को उठाया। संतोष अहलावत, गजेंद्र शेखावत और कृष्णा राज ने बेमौसम बारिश से फसलों को हुए नुकसान को देखते हुए फौरन राहत देने की मांग की।

आंधी-पानी से 16 की मौत

लखनऊ/पटना। मौसम ने सोमवार को उत्तर भारत में भारी तबाही मचाई। बारिश, ओलावृष्टि और वज्रपात से यूपी-बिहार में कम से कम 16 लोगों की मौत हो गई और कई अन्य घायल हो गए। जबकि मैदानी इलाकों में फसलों को भारी नुकसान हुआ है। खराब मौसम के कारण उड़ानें भी प्रभावित हुई हैं।

वाराणसी के धानापुर थाना क्षेत्र के धराव गांव के मंदरसे पर सोमवार की सुबह करीब सवा दस बजे आकाशीय बिजली गिरने से महिला शिक्षिका व एक शिक्षक की मौके पर ही मौत हो गई तथा नौ लोग गंभीर रूप से झुलस गए। बिहार के आरा में आकाशीय बिजली गिरने से एक बच्चे और एक युवक की मौत हो गई।

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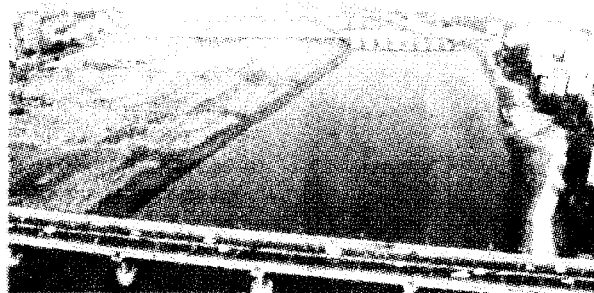
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तापी के सिकुड़ते पाट और सिल्ट जमा होने से नदी में जगह-जगह टीले बन गए हैं। इन्हें हटाने का काम खनिज विभाग को करना है। मनपा प्रशासन को खनिज कमिशनर की सहमति का इंतजार है। वहां से हरी झंडी मिलने के बाद गेरी को टीलों के हटने के प्रभाव के अध्ययन का काम सौंपा जाएगा।

कामरेज से वीयर कम कोजवे तक तापी नदी में जगह-जगह मिट्टी और सिल्ट के टीले (टेकरी) उभर आए हैं। इससे तापी की भरण क्षमता प्रभावित होने के साथ ही नदी का बहाव भी अनियमित हुआ है। इसका खामियाजा मानसून के दौरान शहर के लोगों को भुगतना पड़ता है। नदी की भरण क्षमता कम होने के कारण



ऊपरी क्षेत्र में बारिश का असर सूरत में दिखता है। उकाई बांध से तापी में छोड़ा जाने वाला पानी शहर के निचले इलाकों में घुसता है। नदी की भरण क्षमता पूरी होने पर इस मुश्किल से बचा जा सकता है। भरण क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए जानकार तापी से सिल्ट और मिट्टी साफ कराने की मांग करते रहे हैं। मनपा प्रशासन भी

इसे लेकर गंभीर हुआ है, लेकिन सिल्ट हटाने से पहले आश्वस्त होना चाहता है कि इसका असर क्या होगा। इसके लिए गेरी को अध्ययन का काम सौंपा जाना है। गेरी को रिपोर्ट के लिए कहने से पहले मनपा ने खनिज विभाग से टीले हटाने के लिए सहमति मांगी है। यदि खनिज विभाग टीले हटाने को तैयार हो जाता है तो

मनपा प्रशासन इसका असर जानने के लिए गेरी को जिम्मेदारी सौंपेगा। स्थानीय खनिज अधिकारियों के मुताबिक खनिज कमिशनर से अनुमति मांगी गई है। वहां से हरी झंडी मिलने के बाद मनपा प्रशासन इस प्रोजेक्ट पर आगे बढ़ेगा।

पहले भी हुई थी कोशिश

तापी के बहाव क्षेत्र में बने सिल्ट और मिट्टी के टीलों को हटाने के लिए मनपा प्रशासन पहले भी कवायद कर चुका है। उस समय मनपा ने ठेकेदार फर्म से प्रस्ताव मंगा लिया था। इस मद में खर्च अधिक होने और नदी क्षेत्र राज्य का विषय होने के कारण मनपा प्रशासन ने उस वक्त प्रोजेक्ट से हाथ खींच लिए थे।

नदी जल के मुद्दे पर पंजाब और हरियाणा के बीच विधायी संघर्ष

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रावी-ब्यास नदी जल बंटवारे के लिए पंजाब और हरियाणा के बीच दशकों से चले आ रहे विधायी और कानूनी संघर्ष के दशकों के इतिहास में सोमवार को एक और अध्याय तब जुड़ गया जब पंजाब विधानसभा ने सतलुज-यमुना सम्पर्क नहर के निर्माण के लिए अधिगृहीत भूमि को मुक्त करने के लिए सर्वसम्मति से विधेयक पारित कर दिया। इस

विधेयक में मूल भूमि मालिकों को अधिगृहीत भूमि बिना मुआवजा वापसी के लौटाने का प्रावधान किया गया है।

पंजाब के इस कदम के विरोध में हरियाणा विधानसभा ने संकल्प पारित कर दिया। इस संकल्प में संघीय भावना के विपरीत पंजाब सरकार द्वारा पारित विधेयक की निंदा करते हुए इसे एकतरफा, असंवैधानिक और उच्चतम न्यायालय के अधिकार के विरुद्ध करार दिया गया और भारत सरकार से मांग की गई कि पंजाब के इस असंवैधानिक कार्य को खारिज किया जाए। संकल्प में भारत सरकार से सुप्रीम कोर्ट में सतलुज-यमुना सम्पर्क नहर के निर्माण के मुद्दे पर चल रही सुनवाई को न्यायसंगत निर्णय तक पहुंचाने और सम्पर्क नहर के निर्माण के लिए तुरन्त कदम उठाने की मांग भी की गई है।

वीकेंड में फिर हो सकती है बारिश

वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस के असर से राजधानी में अभी बदलता रहेगा मौसम का मिजाज

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मौसम का हाल

दिल्ली में आने वाले दिनों में एक बार फिर बारिश होने के आसार हैं। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने कहा कि आने वाले तीन से चार दिन मौसम सामान्य रहेगा। एक बार फिर वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस के इफेक्ट से 18 और 19 मार्च को बारिश होने की संभावना है। इस दौरान मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर 31 डिग्री और मिनिमम टेंपरेचर 16 डिग्री रह सकता है।

दिल्ली में सोमवार सुबह भी कुछ इलाकों में बारिश हुई। साथ ही सोमवार को देर शाम भी कुछ जगहों में हल्की बारिश हुई। मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक सोमवार को सुबह 8:30 बजे तक सबसे ज्यादा बारिश आयानगर में 13.3 मिमी हुई। इसके अलावा पालम में 0.3 मिमी, सफदरजंग में 0.3 मिमी, जाफरपुर में 2 मिमी, पूसा में 2 मिमी, पीतमपुरा में 1 मिमी, दिल्ली रिज में 3.3 मिमी, लोदी रोड में 0.2 मिमी, डीयू में 1 मिमी बारिश दर्ज हुई। वहीं 1 से 14 मार्च सुबह 8:30 बजे तक सफदरजंग में 17.9 मिमी और पालम में 18.3 मिमी बारिश दर्ज हुई। बारिश होने के कारण और हवाएं चलने के कारण तापमान भी गिर गया। बीते कुछ दिनों से तापमान नॉर्मल से ज्यादा दर्ज हो रहा था। सोमवार को मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर 27.4 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। यह नॉर्मल से दो डिग्री कम था। मिनिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से एक डिग्री ज्यादा के साथ 17.1 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। हवा में मैक्सिमम ह्यूमिडिटी 94 पर्सेंट दर्ज हुई।

मौसम विभाग ने अपने बुलेटिन में कहा कि मंगलवार को आसमान साफ रह सकता है। मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर 29 डिग्री और मिनिमम टेंपरेचर 17 डिग्री रहने का अनुमान है। स्काइमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक

■ मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक, सोमवार सुबह 8:30 बजे तक सबसे ज्यादा बारिश आयानगर में 13.3 मिमी हुई

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■ पहाड़ी इलाकों में बर्फबारी होने की उम्मीद है

महेश पलावत ने कहा कि मौजूदा मॉडल्स से जानकारी मिली है। दिल्ली में तीन दिन बाद बारिश होने की उम्मीद है। वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस के इफेक्ट से मौसम बदल सकता है। 17 मार्च को हिमालय रीजन में वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस पहुंचेगा। इसके आने से दिल्ली और आस पास के मौसम में बदलाव होने की उम्मीद है। 18 और 19 मार्च को बादल छा सकते हैं। कुछ इलाकों में बारिश होने की उम्मीद है। बारिश का इफेक्ट सामान्य रह सकता है। उन्होंने बताया कि पहाड़ी इलाकों में बर्फबारी होने की उम्मीद है। इससे भी मौसम पर असर पड़ने का अनुमान है। आने वाले दिनों में वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस के इफेक्ट से राजस्थान के आस पास एक चक्रवाती हवाओं का सिस्टम बन सकता है। जिससे दिल्ली की तरफ भी नमी वाली हवाएं पहुंचेंगी।



सोमवार को भी दिल्ली के कई इलाकों में बारिश हुई

नुकसान की रिपोर्ट के बाद मुआवजे पर फैसला

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जिनकी फसल बर्बाद हुई थी। अब मार्च में बारिश के चलते फसलों के नुकसान की पूरी रिपोर्ट आने के बाद दिल्ली

सरकार मुआवजे पर फैसला लेगी।

आम आदमी पार्टी के विधायक भी उन इलाकों में जा रहे हैं, जहां फसलों को नुकसान पहुंचा है। वे दिल्ली देहात के इलाकों में जाकर किसानों से मिल रहे हैं और फसलों के नुकसान का आकलन कर रहे हैं। नजफगढ़ के विधायक कैलाश गहलोत भी अलग-अलग इलाकों में जा रहे हैं। वे काजीपुर, ईसापुर, दांसा, मुंडेला खुर्द, मुंडेला कलों, उज्वा, जाफरपुर कलां समेत कई इलाकों का दौरा कर रहे हैं।