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Hydel projects: World Bank asks India, Pak. to agree to mediation

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NEW DELHI: The World Bank has "urged" India and Pakistan to agree to mediation on how to proceed in their dispute over two hydropower dam projects in Jammu and Kashmir.

Replying to a strong statement from India that the World Bank, a signatory to the Indus Waters Treaty 1960, was favouring Pakistan by going ahead with an arbitration process, the Bank said it had gone ahead with both countries' requests.

Conceding that a "draw of lots" was held to appoint three neutral umpires despite India's objections, a senior World Bank official explained that the decision was a "procedural one."

"The World Bank Group has a strictly procedural role under the Indus Waters Treaty and the treaty does not allow it to choose whether one procedure [India's] should take precedence over the other [Pakistan's]. This is why we drew the lots and proposed potential candidates

for the Neutral Expert," said Senior Vice-President and World Bank Group General Counsel Anne-Marie Leroy.

However, Ms. Leroy admitted that two parallel processes were "unworkable" in the long run, and therefore mediation was required.

The dispute is over the Kishenganga (330 MW) and Ratle (850 MW) hydel plants India is constructing on the Kishenganga and Chenab rivers.

Go for mediation, World Bank tells India, Pakistan

On Thursday, the MEA had issued a strong statement threatening to pull out of the World Bank's arbitration process or even consider more stringent options over the Indus Waters Treaty, that had come under a cloud after the Uri attack in September.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had held a meeting a few days after the attack and another one last week to explore ways of "punishing" Pakistan by utilising its share of the Indus rivers more fully.

However, the meeting stopped short of recommending an abrogation of the treaty, which the World Bank statement called "one of the most successful international treaties that has withstood frequent tensions between India and Pakistan, including conflicts."

With the 2003 ceasefire in a shambles and increasing shelling at the LoC and International Border, many officials fear the treaty could be the next casualty of India-Pakistan tensions.

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AVERAGE TEMP SET TO HIT 1.2 CELSIUS OVER PRE-INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION LEVELS 15-57

2016 hottest year on record: UN

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Marrakech (Morocco), 14 November

The year 2016 will "very likely" be the hottest on record, the UN said today, warning of calamitous consequences if the march of global warming cannot be halted.

Average temperatures for the year were set to hit about 1.2 Celsius over pre-Industrial Revolution levels - meaning that 16 of the 17 hottest years on record were this century, said the UN's World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

The new record means the world is already more than halfway to the upper limit of 2 C of warming overall, 1.5 C if possible, which UN



Moroccan and international demonstrators shout slogans and hold placards during a demonstration against climate change and calling for environmental action to protect the planet during a protest in Marrakesh on the sidelines of the COP22 climate conference on Monday. © AFP

nations had agreed upon to stave off worst-case-scenario climate change.

"Another year. Another record. The high temperatures we saw in 2015 are set to be beaten in

2016," WMO secretary general Petteri Taalas said in a statement.

The El Nino weather phenomenon had boosted temperatures in the early months of the year, but

even after its effects dissipated, the mercury stayed high.

In parts of Arctic Russia, temperatures were 6 C to 7 C higher than the long-term average, the statement said. Other Arctic and sub-Arctic regions in Russia, Alaska and northwest Canada were at least 3 C above average. "We are used to measuring temperature records in fractions of a degree, and so this is different," said Taalas.

The WMO report was published as UN climate talks entered their second week in Marrakesh - the first since last year's huddle in the French capital concluded with the climate-rescue Paris Agreement.

The Moroccan fol-

lowup is meant to agree on rules for executing the plans and goals outlined in the pact, which envisions reining in global warming by cutting back on greenhouse-gas emitting coal, oil and gas for energy. Earlier today, the annual Global Carbon Budget report said carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels have been nearly flat for three years in a row - a "great help" but not enough to stave off dangerous climate change.

Both analyses warned that concentrations of planet-warming greenhouse gases in the atmosphere continued to rise, reaching 400 parts per million in 2015 and likely to exceed that record in 2016.

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SYL: POL STORM INTENSIFIES IN HARYANA

INLD THREATENS TO DIG CANAL IF BJP GOVT FAILS TO DECIDE ON THE ISSUE 'Will not allow a drop to Haryana'

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Chandigarh, 14 November

The political storm over the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal in Haryana intensified today with the leading Opposition party Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) threatening to dig the canal near the area adjoining the neighbouring Punjab if the BJP govt in the state fails to decide on construction of the canal by coming 23 February.

Addressing a Press conference today, leader of Opposition and INLD MLA Abhay Singh Chautala said, "The Supreme Court has pronounced its verdict in favour of Haryana and now it's BJP govt's duty to help Haryana in getting its share

of water from Punjab through the SYL canal."

He further said INLD leaders would also meet President Pranab Mukherjee in this regard soon.

Chautala also accused the leaders of BJP and Congress parties in Haryana of doing politics on the issue. "Congress leaders in Punjab are strongly opposing sharing of water with Haryana, but party's leaders here never condemned their counterparts in Punjab. Similarly, the BJP has supported the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) govt there but its leaders in Haryana to have taken soft stand on the issue. These parties are merely doing politics on SYL issue," he alleged.

Earlier, INLD leaders from across the state also



passed an unanimous resolution to condemn both BJP and Congress party for not clarifying their stands on the issue.

The apex court on 10 November had ruled the 2004 Punjab Termination of Agreements Act passed by State Legislative Assembly to terminate the SYL canal water sharing agreement with neighbouring states as 'unconstitutional'.

A political storm erupted thereafter in both the states, followed by resignations by Congress MLAs in Punjab.

The SC's decision has put Haryana's BJP and Congress leaders in a fix as their aggressive stand against neighboring Punjab could cost their respective parties dearly in the coming Assembly elections.

Haryana BJP leaders including chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar have said that the BJP govt is committed to bring Haryana's share of surplus Ravi-Beas waters for dry-arid regions of southern Haryana. However, the Congress and the INLD have targeted the BJP-led govt at Centre for not breaking its silence on the issue.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
Chandigarh, 14 November

Even as special session of Punjab Assembly has been convened on Wednesday on the contentious issue of Satluj Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, the ruling Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) today said it will take "any step necessary" to stop even drop of water from going to Haryana. He also constituted a legal committee to examine the SC order.

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal said the party core committee as well as the state Cabinet, both of which will meet shortly, would deliberate upon the steps needed to firm up the party as well as the SAD- BJP government's decision not

to allow a drop of water to go to Haryana.

As the Punjab Congress legislators have resigned from State Assembly to protest against Supreme Court verdict on Satluj Yamuna Link (SYL) canal and are ineligible to participate in the coming special session of the House, Badal said the Congress had run away from taking steps to safeguard the river waters of Punjab. "But the SAD would not flinch from its duty and would come out with appropriate measures to resolve the issue in its entirety," he added.

The SAD president said it was unfortunate that a frustrated Punjab Congress president Captain Amarinder Singh, who too resigned

from his Lok Sabha (Amritsar), was asking for the resignation of the SAD- BJP government.

Badal said Amarinder resigned from Parliament because he had to contest the next Assembly elections from Patiala. Congress MLAs resigned as the party high command did not want them to be part of the proceedings of the 16 November sitting of the Punjab assembly. "Why are you (Amarinder) asking for the resignation of Parkash Singh Badal? Surely it is because you are frustrated at the turn of events and the fact that Punjabis are increasingly seeing you as the villain who was facilitated the start of work on the SYL canal?," he charged.

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CO₂ emissions stay flat in last 3 yrs, but not enough

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Marrakesh: Carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels have been nearly flat for three years in a row — a “great help” but not enough to stave off dangerous global warming, a report said on Monday. Emissions of planet-warming carbon dioxide stayed level in 2015 at 36.3 billion tonnes (GtCO₂) and were projected to rise “only slightly”, by 0.2% in 2016, according to the annual Global Carbon Budget report compiled by teams of scientists from around the world.

“This third year of almost no growth in emissions is unprecedented at a time of strong economic growth,” said research leader Corinne Le Quere of the University of East Anglia. Driven largely by reduced coal use in China, this was a “clear and unprecedented break” with the preceding decade’s fast emissions growth, at a rate of some 2.3% per year from 2004 to 2013, before dipping to 0.7% in 2014. “This is a great help for tackling climate change but it is not enough,” said Le Quere.

For the world’s nations to make true on the global pact to limit average global warming to 2°C (3.6°F) over pre-Industrial Revolution levels, emissions must do more than level off, the study found.

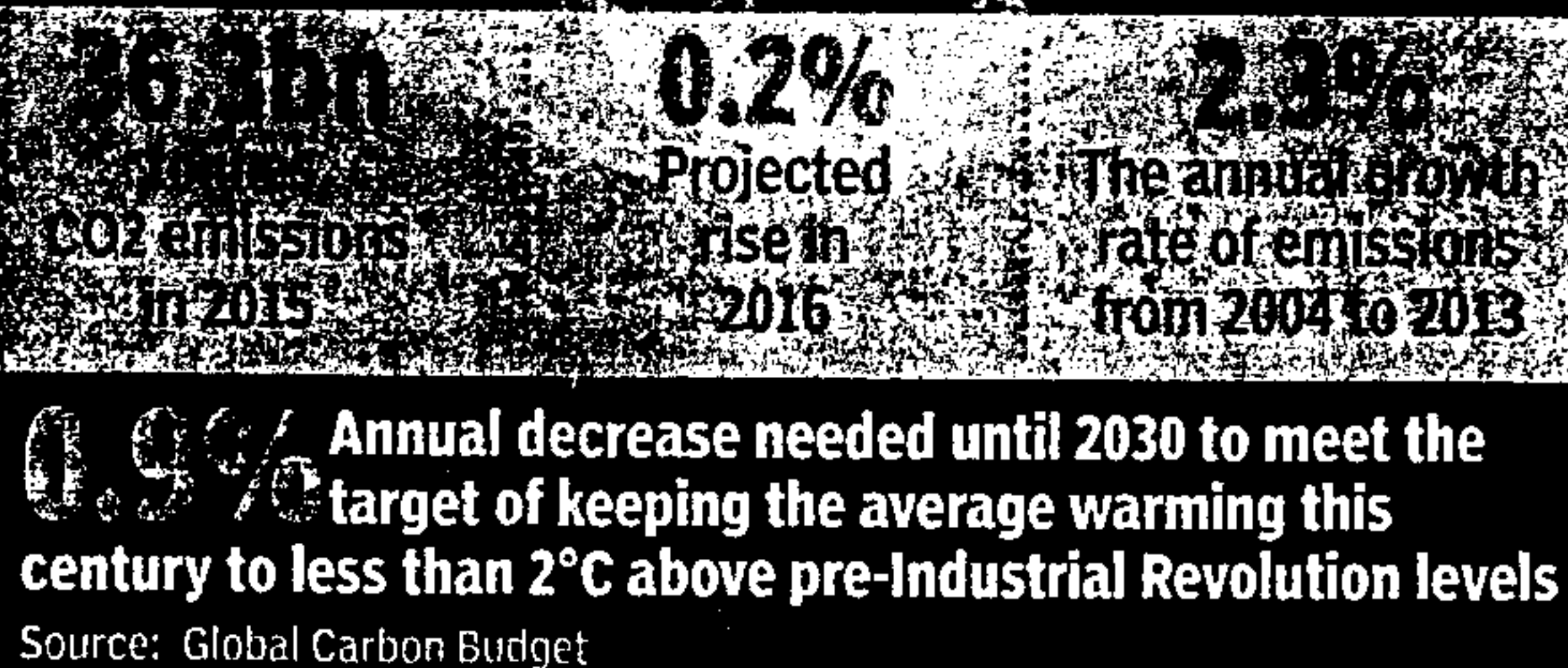
A decrease of 0.9% per year was needed to achieve this limit by 2030.

The concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere has continued to grow,

WHAT CLEAN CLIMATE NEEDS



A file NOAA/Nasa image of earth



the report warned, hitting a record level of 23 GtCO₂ last year that looked set to reach 25 GtCO₂ in 2016.

The analysis was published in the journal Earth System Science Data, to coincide with the UN climate conference in Morocco. Climate envoys are gathered in Marrakesh to put plans in place to execute the so-called Paris Agreement concluded in the French capital a year ago. It envisions a dramatic reduc-

tion in greenhouse gas-producing coal, oil and gas use for energy. The new report said humanity has emitted 2,075 GtCO₂ since 1870 — adding 40 GtCO₂ in 2016 alone.

“We have already used more than two thirds of the emissions quota to keep climate change well below two degrees,” it warned.

“The remaining quota would be used up in less than 30 years at the current emissions level.” AFP

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Union Govt's intervention may not help, says Tomar

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JALANDHAR, NOVEMBER 14

Even as two major agrarian states Punjab and Haryana are at loggerheads with each other over the SYL canal, the BJP-led Union government seems to have no plans to intervene and initiate talks between the two states.

Union Minister and BJP's Punjab election incharge Narendra Tomar avoided the query over the issue today, saying that the two states should find a solution of their own. He was here to oversee the preparations for the forthcoming visit of BJP national president Amit Shah on November 20 for a rally in the city.

"When the Centre's intervention in the Cauvery water dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka did not bear any fruit, what difference will it make if we bring the two for talks? It is the states alone that could



BJP state president Vijay Sampla felicitates Union Minister Narendra Tomar in Jalandhar on Monday. PHOTO: SARABJIT SINGH

find a solution to this deadlock," said Tomar.

He said instead of fighting, the governments of both states should sit together and try to find an amicable solution to the

long-pending problem. He also urged the people of both states to maintain calm over the issue and prevent from participating in any event that could aggravate the situation.

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Will support govt: Cong

Demands explanation on the fate of previous Bill

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 14

The Punjab Congress today asked the government to explain the status of the Bill for de-acquisition of land acquired for the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal passed during the last Assembly session with its support.

The poser from PPCC chief Capt Amarinder Singh came after Deputy CM Sukhbir Badal blamed the Congress for running away on the issue.

Specifically pointing out that Punjab Governor was yet to approve the Bill, Amarinder quipped: "The Akalis could not get the Bill passed from the Governor as well as its ally, the BJP, which is also in power at the Centre. They must give an

“The Akalis could not get the Bill to return SYL land to farmers passed from the Governor as well as its ally, the BJP, which is in power at the Centre. They must give an assurance that the Bill being brought during the special session will sail through.”

-Capt Amarinder Singh, PPCC CHIEF

assurance that this time the Bill being brought during the special session on November 16 would be approved by the Governor and the BJP at the Centre.”

Asking Chief Minister

Parkash Singh Badal to clearly spell out the agenda for the special session of the Assembly, Amarinder said though they would not be attending the session, the party would support the government's move to protect the state's riverwaters.

On Badal's appeal to the Congress to participate in the session, he asked whether the Akali government had taken the approval of the Governor and the BJP to bring out a new legislation.

Demanding that the resignations of the Congress MLAs be accepted immediately, Amarinder said the President's Rule in the state was the only way the elections could be held in a free and fair manner.

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Hope Punjab obeys SC order: CM

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Says more currency exchange centres to come up, situation to normalise in a week

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KARNAL, NOVEMBER 14

Amid the battle between Haryana and Punjab over the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal after the Supreme Court verdict in favour of the former, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar is hopeful of implementation of the ruling by the latter.

"Our country functions on the basis of the law and the Constitution. Accordingly, the agreement on SYL will be implemented and Punjab will obey the ruling of the apex court," he told media-persons. With the implementation of this order, water would quench the thirst of dry land of farmers and water would reach the tail-end of Haryana, he maintained.

He was at the Dera Kar Sewa today to lay the foundation stone of Guru Nanak Yatri Niwas, which would be spread over 1 lakh square feet. He paid obeisance on the occasion of Guru Nanak Dev's birth anniversary and greeted the people on the auspicious occasion.

Asked about the demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes, he said it was a revolutionary and brave decision of the Prime Minister to flush out black mon-



Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar pays obeisance on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev at Dera Kar Sewa in Karnal on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAVI KUMAR

ey from the country.

Khattar admitted that due to this step, some of the people had been facing hardships, but the situation would normalise in one week and the people were ready for it.

About shortage of currency in banks, he said sufficient currency was available with banks and the government would establish some other centres to exchange currency.

On the issue of low redress rate of complaints filed at CM Window in the state, he said infrastructure would be

increased on the CM Window.

Earlier, addressing the gathering at the Dera Kar Sewa, Khattar announced that one of the seven gates to be constructed for the beautification of city would be named after Guru Nanak Dev.

The CM described Guru Nanak Dev as an apostle of peace and tolerance whose teachings would continue to inspire generations.

The Chief Minister said Guru Nanak Dev strove all his life to promote social justice and equality in society.

He exhorted the gathering to follow the teaching of Guru Nanak Dev of equality in society. He said Guru Nanak Dev always emphasised the policy of work, spread the message of brotherhood and gave the message to follow path of humanity.

He hoped that this occasion would further strengthen amity and secular traditions. Reacting to the demand of the Dera Kar Sewa, he said the district administration would work on proper parking.

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Construct SYL canal or we will do it: INLD to Centre

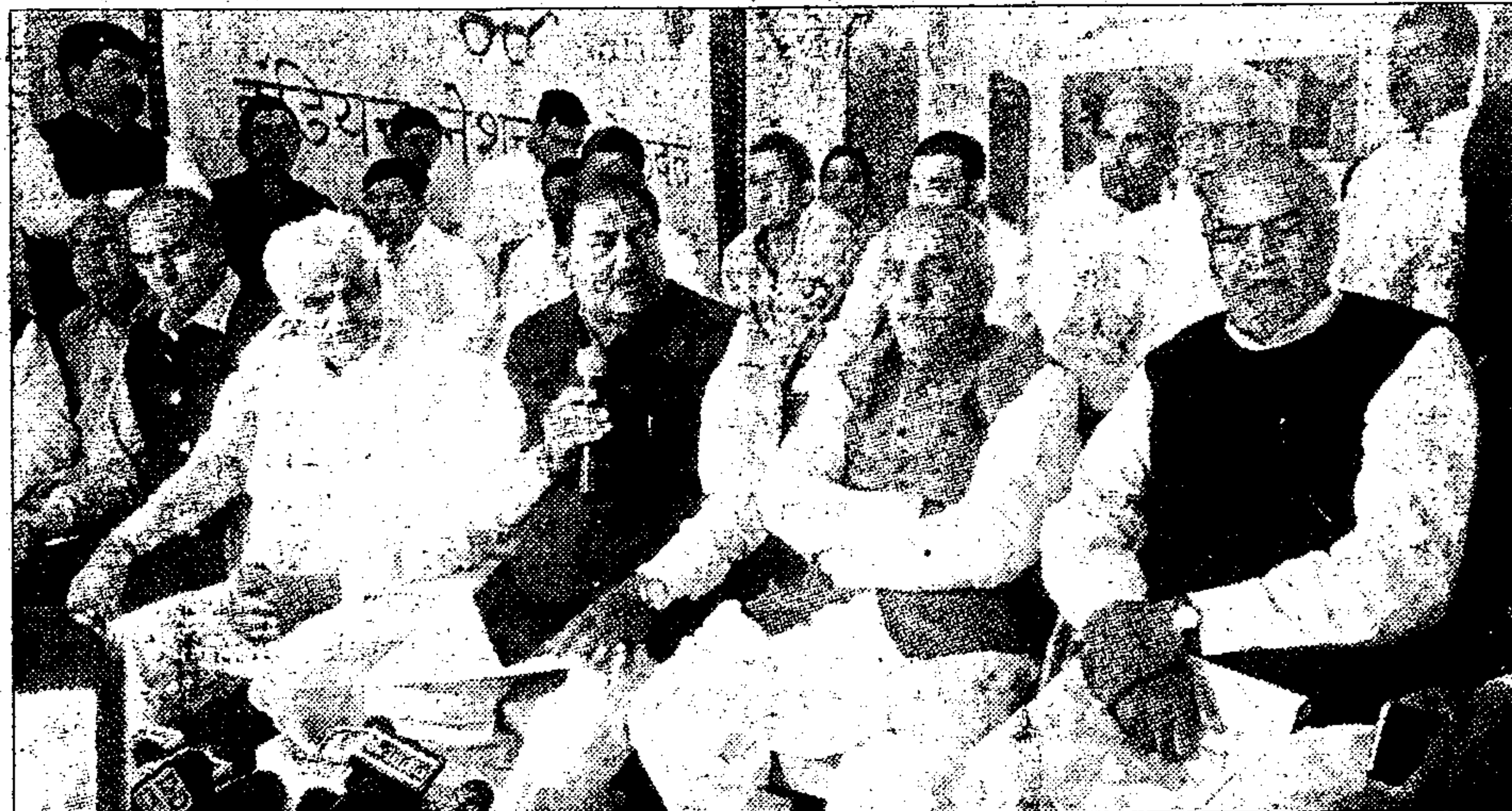
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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 14

The Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) today served an ultimatum on the Centre either to start construction of the SYL canal by February 23 or the party will lead lakhs of people to start its digging.

Taking strong political posturing in the wake of the Supreme Court's verdict on the Presidential reference in Haryana's favour, the state executive committee of the INLD today also passed a 'censure motion' against the BJP and the Congress for their role on the SYL issue.

"The BJP is in power at the Centre and in Haryana and is a coalition partner in the Punjab Government. Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal announced from the dais in the presence of two senior BJP leaders that he would not give a drop of water to Haryana but neither of them reacted. Congress leaders from Punjab have given resignations from the State Assembly on this issue while their counterparts in Haryana were speaking in a different



Leader of the Opposition Abhay Singh Chautala gives details of decisions taken during the INLD's state executive committee meeting in Chandigarh on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

tone," said Abhay Singh Chautala, Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly, after the meeting.

Chautala alleged that both the BJP and the Congress had a dual character and while their leaders spoke in different tones in the two states, the central leadership of both parties maintained a tacit silence on the issue.

The INLD leader said Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar was trying to take undue credit for the SC verdict by claiming that it was

because of strong pleading by his government.

"Perhaps he is not aware that the verdict had already come in 2004 when Om Prakash Chautala was in power. It was a decision on the Presidential reference to the Punjab Termination of Agreement Act, 2004, that has come now," Abhay Singh said.

He also castigated Finance Minister Abhimanyu, who is also co-in charge of the BJP's campaign committee in Punjab,

for not taking a pro-Haryana stand.

He said the INLD would seek President Pranab Mukherjee's intervention on this issue since the party did not have any faith in the BJP governments at the Centre and in Haryana.

"Our MLAs and MPs will meet the President soon and request him to ask the government for construction of canal since the SC's verdict has already come in our favour," said the senior INLD leader.

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7-14 NO Experts divided over execution of SC verdict

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

It took around 12 years for the Presidential reference on the SYL canal case to be decided by the Supreme Court, but uncertainty over implementation of the verdict continues, as experts are divided over the feasibility of its execution.

Those supporting the verdict are of the opinion that there is no other option but to construct the remaining part of the canal on the Punjab side, while others say that change in circumstances in the past five to six decades have posed hurdles in the enforcement of the verdict.

"The Supreme Court verdict is the opinion on question of law. The advisory opinion is also a declaration of law. In the SYL case, the declaration of the law is that the Punjab Termination of Agreement Act, 2004, is not valid. There is no option for the President to accept or not to accept. His job is over," senior advocate Govind Goel said.

Holding a contrary view, senior advocate RS Suri, who represented Punjab, said the state could not be left "remedy-less" in the water pact, as there was a deficiency in quantity which used to be there when the SYL canal pact was signed.

Senior advocate and Rajya Sabha member KTS Tulsi said, "The problem is that if you force the agreement, the entire Punjab will turn into a desert. Almost 113 out of 140 tehsils are water-stressed. Most of them are dependent on groundwater."

He added the verdict of the five-judge bench was

"The Haryana Government can legitimately start and enforce the implementation of law for construction of the canal in Punjab. It can also request the Centre to intervene if there is any resistance by Punjab which will be violative of the law."

Govind Goel, SENIOR ADVOCATE

"The most important thing for Punjab is the constitution of a tribunal to settle the dispute. Punjab cannot be left remedy-less, as all agreements on water sharing are of 1940s and 1960s and already there is 20 per cent less water available."

RS Suri, SENIOR ADVOCATE

not binding on the Centre, as it was delivered under advisory jurisdiction.

Another lawyer, who appeared for one of the states and did not wish to be named, endorsed Goel's view and said, "The Centre, which has the executive power, can intervene and complete pending works."

Goel termed as "political" the stand of the Badal government that the SC verdict was merely an opinion. If Punjab did not act as per the judgment, the Centre had the option to impose Article 356, Goel said. Suri, however, alleged there was no "proper adjudication" in the matter and suggested a water tribunal could be the only solution to the dispute. — PTL

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Battle over riverwaters drains state coffers

Six important cases pending in various courts | Govt has paid ₹7 crore to lawyers this year so far

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 13

The inter-state dispute over the riverwaters has not only been exhausting the state emotionally but also financially. Since the state is fighting numerous legal battles on the issue, it has to spend a lot of money to pursue cases in various courts.

Official sources said the state government paid about Rs 7 crore as fee to advocates engaged in fighting its legal battle in the Supreme Court and a high court in the current fiscal so far.

For fighting such high-profile cases, the state has to engage constitutional experts who charge money in lakhs. Sources said an advocate, who earlier used to charge Rs 15 lakh per appearance, recently raised his fee to Rs 25 lakh. Another advocate is charging Rs 5 lakh per appearance, it learnt.

There is a team of at least eight advocates to fight cases pertaining to the riverwaters. As of now, there are six important cases pending for adjudication in the Supreme Court and two high courts, it is learnt.

COSTLY AFFAIR

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- For fighting such high-profile cases, the state has to engage constitutional experts who charge hefty fee.
- Sources say an advocate, who earlier used to charge ₹15 lakh per appearance, recently raised his fee to ₹25 lakh.



Punjab is not only engaged in a legal battle against Haryana. Rajasthan is also fighting certain cases against it on the issue.

Though the Supreme Court has announced its verdict on the Presidential Reference, litigation related to the issue is far from over. The Punjab Government can file a review petition in this case, appealing to the SC to re-examine the issue. As the SC verdict is said to be an advisory opinion under Article 143 of the Constitution for the President, for getting this opinion legally execut-

ed, the Haryana Government may have to re-approach the Supreme Court and also the Union Government. Certainly, there will be another bout of litigation on this issue.

Among the pending cases include a prayer for directions to the Centre to constitute an appropriate tribunal under Section 4 (1) of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956; a petition in the Delhi High Court for setting aside the constitution of the Eradi Tribunal; a special leave petition against the Rajasthan High Court's

decision to hand over the control of head works of Harike, Ropar and Ferozepur to the BBMB.

There is also a case about the Hansi-Butana canal pending in the Supreme Court. Punjab has sought dismantling of this canal arguing that it blocks the natural flow of rainwater. Another case is in the Supreme Court filed by the state challenging the Sections 78 and 79 of the Punjab Reorganisation Act. Then there are cases about Shahpur Kandi project and certain other issues related to riverwaters.

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SYL row: Punjab cites depleted water levels for its stand

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CHANDIGARH, 12 NOV: Even as an all out political war has broken out in poll-bound Punjab over the issue of Satluj Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, the Parkash Singh Badal government blames depleting ground water level and dwindling river water for its refusal to share river water with neighboring Haryana despite the Supreme Court ruling.

The SC dealt a blow to Punjab on Thursday by ruling that the state had no right to unilaterally terminate water-sharing agreements with neighbouring Haryana, thus paving the way for sharing of 3.5 million acre feet (MAF) water from Ravi and Beas rivers through the 212 kilometre long SYL canal. However, the Badal-led Shiromani Akali Dal-Bharatiya Janata Party (SAD-BJP) government and Opposition parties, including the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), maintain Punjab lacks "spare water" to share with Haryana.

Senior officials in agriculture as well as irrigation department told The Statesman that Punjab is facing shortage of irrigation water and if the state is forced to share water with Haryana, nearly seven lakh hectares of land and five lakh farmers will be severely affected.

A senior agriculture department official said Punjab requires 50 MAF water for its 42 lakh hectare agricultural land. "Of this, 12 to

13 MAF water comes from rivers, 12 to 13 MAF water comes from groundwater and we get 20 to 22 MAF water from rains. So already we have a gap between the water available and that required for agriculture. So if we (Punjab) share 3.5 MAF river water with Haryana, how will we fill the gap?" said the official. State agriculture minister Tota Singh said it will be devastating for farmers in south-west Punjab if the state is forced to share its river water. "Nearly 12 lakh hectares of agriculture land will be affected if water is shared with Haryana. Nearly six lakh farmers will be affected. We can't let it happen," he told The Statesman.

The minister said the Centre should appoint a Tribunal to see if there is enough water available in Punjab for sharing it with other states. "Ground water is already going down, then these days we have lesser rains, so anyway there is less water in rivers," Singh said. "Our agricultural land will turn dry if we share water with Haryana," said the irrigation minister, Sharanjit Singh Dhillon. The director, agriculture, Jasbir Singh Bains said scarcity of irrigation water has forced them to encourage farmers to use drip or sprinkler irrigation so that they can do with less water. "Farmers have also been encouraged to use short duration varieties paddy which require less water," he said.

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SHIROMANI AKALI DAL TO BRING IN A LEGISLATION DURING SPECIAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

Punjab to scrap all water-sharing pacts

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CHANDIGARH, 12 NOV: With the Supreme Court (SC) ruling in favour of Haryana on the contentious Satluj-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal months before Punjab Assembly polls, the ruling Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) is trying to put the opposition on the back foot by bringing in a legislation to scrap all water sharing pacts during the special session of the state Assembly to be convened on 16 November to discuss SYL issue.

Punjab chief minister Mr Parkash Singh Badal has also sought time from President Mr Pranab Mukherjee to request him not to accept the SC verdict about water distribution and construction of SYL canal.

In the letter written to the President, Mr Badal said that the Punjab government respects the court and the Constitution. In the letter, it is noted that Punjab has constitutional and legitimate right on its waters.

The chief minister said water



is lifeline of everybody and Punjab's agricultural land will go barren without water and industry will also be affected.

The SC had on Thursday ruled that Punjab reneged on its promise to share the waters of rivers Ravi and Beas with neighbouring states like Haryana by unilaterally enacting the controversial Punjab Termination of Water Agreements Act of 2004. The SAD-led Parkash Singh Badal government is now exploring to introduce similar legislation to deny Haryana's claim its share of river water as per the older agreements reached between the two states when

Haryana was carved out of Punjab in 1966.

"We are exploring options to bring a bill in the special session of the state assembly on 16 November to scrap all unconstitutional decisions on inter-state water sharing pacts," SAD spokesman Mr Prem Singh Chandumajra said on Saturday.

The SAD has also decided to bring an adjournment motion in the coming session of Parliament to, seek debate on whether the judiciary was bigger than the Constitution or

vice versa.

SAD is examining the option through the Bill to stop the current flow of water to Haryana and Rajasthan, he said. Mr Chandumajra further said that SAD would also raise the river water issue in the Parliament.

"We will bring an adjournment motion in the Parliament and seek debate on whether the Constitution is above judiciary or judiciary is above Constitution," he said adding the party wanted to settle this matter "once and for all".

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'Khattar govt to press for execution of SC's order for completion of SYL canal'

press trust of india

CHANDIGARH, 12 NOV: With the Supreme Court ruling in favour of Haryana in the water sharing dispute, the Khattar government will now press for the execution of the apex court order passed in 2002 and 2004 for the completion of SYL canal.

"We will now press for the execution of decree passed by the SC in favour of Haryana in 2002 and 2004 whereby the SYL canal be constructed," Haryana advocate general Mr Baldev Raj Mahajan said today.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court held as "unconstitutional" the Punjab Termination of Agreements Act, 2004, passed by Punjab government to terminate the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal water sharing agreement with neighbouring states.

Haryana AG said that the execution petition was already pending with the Supreme Court, adding it was expected to be listed within a month.

When asked whether the SC ruling was an opinion, not binding in nature, Mr Mahajan said the apex court has declared Punjab's legislation as "invalid and unconstitutional".

"President had asked for the opinion of SC whether the Act was valid or not. Now it is irrelevant whether President gives his assent or not when the SC has said that the Act was invalid," said Haryana AG.

Yesterday, Punjab advocate general Mr Ashok Aggarwal had

said that SC had just given its advice and President may accept it or may not accept it.

When asked that Punjab was exploring options to bring a new Bill to scrap all water sharing pacts, Mr Mahajan opined that the SC had declared that no state could pass such an Act.

"If another law is brought (by Punjab) then it will be not more than a "dikhawa" (show off)," he said.

Mr Mahajan asserted that any act passed by the Centre or state could be examined by the apex court to check its legality.

The Supreme Court had in its verdict in year 2002 and 2004 had ordered the completion of SYL canal for sharing of Ravi Beas water.

The apex court had first decreed the suit of Haryana in 2002 asking Punjab to honour its commitments with regard to water sharing in the case.

Punjab challenged the verdict by filing an original suit which was rejected in 2004 by the Supreme Court which asked the Centre to take over the remaining infrastructural work of the SYL canal project.

But in 2004, the Congress government in Punjab led by the then chief minister Mr Amarinder Singh had enacted a law to annual the water sharing pacts with neighbouring states.

Thereafter, the then President Mr A P J Abdul Kalam referred to SC for an advisory opinion on the issue relating to the Punjab's Act.

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Punjab readies water bill, Haryana stops bus service

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CHANDIGARH: The Punjab government is likely to bring a new bill on the inter-state water dispute in a move that could complicate the legal tussle with Haryana over sharing of water from the Beas and Sutlej rivers, official sources said on Friday.

The SAD-BJP government led by Parkash Singh Badal asked President Pranab Mukherjee to ignore the Supreme Court's terming as "unconstitutional" a 2004 state law that scrapped all water-sharing arrangements between Punjab and its neighbouring states, including Haryana.

The dispute is likely to

ALL 42 PUNJAB CONG MLAs RESIGN FROM THE ASSEMBLY. BADAL GOVT ASKS THE PRESIDENT TO IGNORE SC'S STANCE ON THE STATE'S WATER LAW

become a major issue with the opposition Congress turning the heat on the Badal government ahead of next year's assembly polls.

On Friday, all 42 Congress legislators resigned from the assembly, a day after the party's state president Amarinder Singh quit as a Lok Sabha MP to protest the court ruling.

Singh's government had

enacted Punjab's Termination of Agreements Act to stop work on the 212-km-long Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal. Haryana, which is banking on the canal to bring water from the rivers to the state's "dry and arid areas", had moved the top court opposing the law.

Punjab government sources said the fresh bill was likely to be introduced at a special session of the assembly, convened on November 16 to discuss the verdict.

Punjab readies water bill, Haryana stops bus service

The Badal government has vowed not to "allow a single drop of water" to be taken from Punjab.

Sources said the government has tasked advocate general Ashok Aggarwal and other top legal eagles to put in place a legal strategy to hit-back politically and stay ahead of the Congress, which has blamed the ruling alliance of failing to protect Punjab's interest in court.

"The Supreme Court's judicial reference is not a binding on President who may accept, reject or send (it) back to Supreme Court for fresh opinion. Punjab government has set up a team of lawyers, including me, to examine the advisory. We will be able to give our viewpoint by Saturday," Aggarwal said.

Government sources say at the heart of the move to bring a fresh bill is to go beyond the 2004 law.

"The Constitution clearly forbids the Centre from arrogating to itself the right to adjudicate on distribution of river waters among states. Grave injustice has been done to Punjab by the Centre, violating this Constitutional clause,"

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LISTEN TO THE COURT

On SYL issue, Punjab's political parties must keep this in mind:
The state is not above the Constitution

WE CONCLUDE. WITH a reminder to the State of Punjab that 'Great states have a temper superior to that of private litigants, and it is to be hoped that enough has been decided for patriotism, the fraternity of the Union, and mutual consideration to bring [the matter] to an end'.

Those words from the Supreme Court in 2004 as it ordered Punjab to build the Sutlej Yamuna Link canal, went unheeded. Instead, Punjab passed a law to nullify the 1981 agreement, forcing the Court once again to remind the state of the Constitution. Giving its opinion in a presidential reference on the Punjab Termination of Water Sharing Agreements with States 2004, the court said: The Punjab Act is "contrary to the Constitution of India", and Punjab is not free from its obligation to uphold the 2002 and 2004 Supreme Court orders that the SYL canal must be built.

Back in 2004, the court had reminded the Punjab government that it is "the Constitutional duty of those who wield power in the States to create the appropriate political climate to ensure a respect for the constitutional processes and not set such processes at naught only to gain political mileage." It is unfortunate that exactly the opposite is happening. The Punjab government is once again preparing brazenly to ignore the court. The principal opposition party, the Congress, is as defiant. This, of course, is not the only such instance. Three months ago, political parties in Karnataka rallied violently against the court's order for the release of Cauvery waters to Tamil Nadu. Instead of seeing it as a national resource that needs to be shared, political parties view water as an instrument with which to arouse chauvinist sentiments, useful for papering over other serious failures. In Punjab, with elections just months away, it will now be a race to the bottom to determine who can be the most selfish and most narrowly provincial.

Pakistan and India did a better job of resolving their water dispute than states within India have done. India was able to secure the unrestricted use of the Ravi, Sutlej and Beas in the Indus Waters Treaty only by making the case that these waters were essential for the irrigation of arid regions of undivided eastern Punjab, including territory that is now Haryana and Rajasthan. In one of its orders on the Cauvery row, the SC had said that when a state takes unilateral steps in its favour in a dispute with another states, "[t]he action forebodes evil consequences to the federal structure. it will lead to the breakdown of the constitutional mechanism and affect the unity and integrity of the nation". Punjab's political parties must keep this in mind. Punjab is not above the Constitution.

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SHOCK WAVES IN N ZEALAND AFTER QUAKE



At least two people were killed as a powerful 7.8-magnitude earthquake and a series of aftershocks caused "utter devastation" in New Zealand, with wild weather hampering rescue efforts.

The tremor, one of the most powerful ever recorded in the quake-prone South Pacific nation, triggered a tsunami alert that sent thousands of coastal residents fleeing for higher ground across much of the country.

The South Island seaside tourist town of Kaikoura, near which the quake hit, was completely isolated, with telecommunications down and huge landslides cutting all access roads.

Civil defence minister Gerry Brownlee said rescuers had to travel in by helicopter to slowly assess the damage.

The quake was unusual in that a big event on one fault may have immediately triggered a big event on a second fault, experts said on Monday.

New Zealand's GNS Science agency principal scientist Kelvin Barrowman told Radio New Zealand: "It seems like the earthquake was more like two earthquakes, but very closely spaced in time."

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■ (Top) A freight train trapped by a landslide following an earthquake in the area north of Kaikoura on Monday. (Middle) Residents look at a damaged road in Blenheim. (Bottom) A woman and her child sit in front of a damaged house near Kaikoura.

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Karnataka 'unable' to give 2,000 cusecs water to T.N.

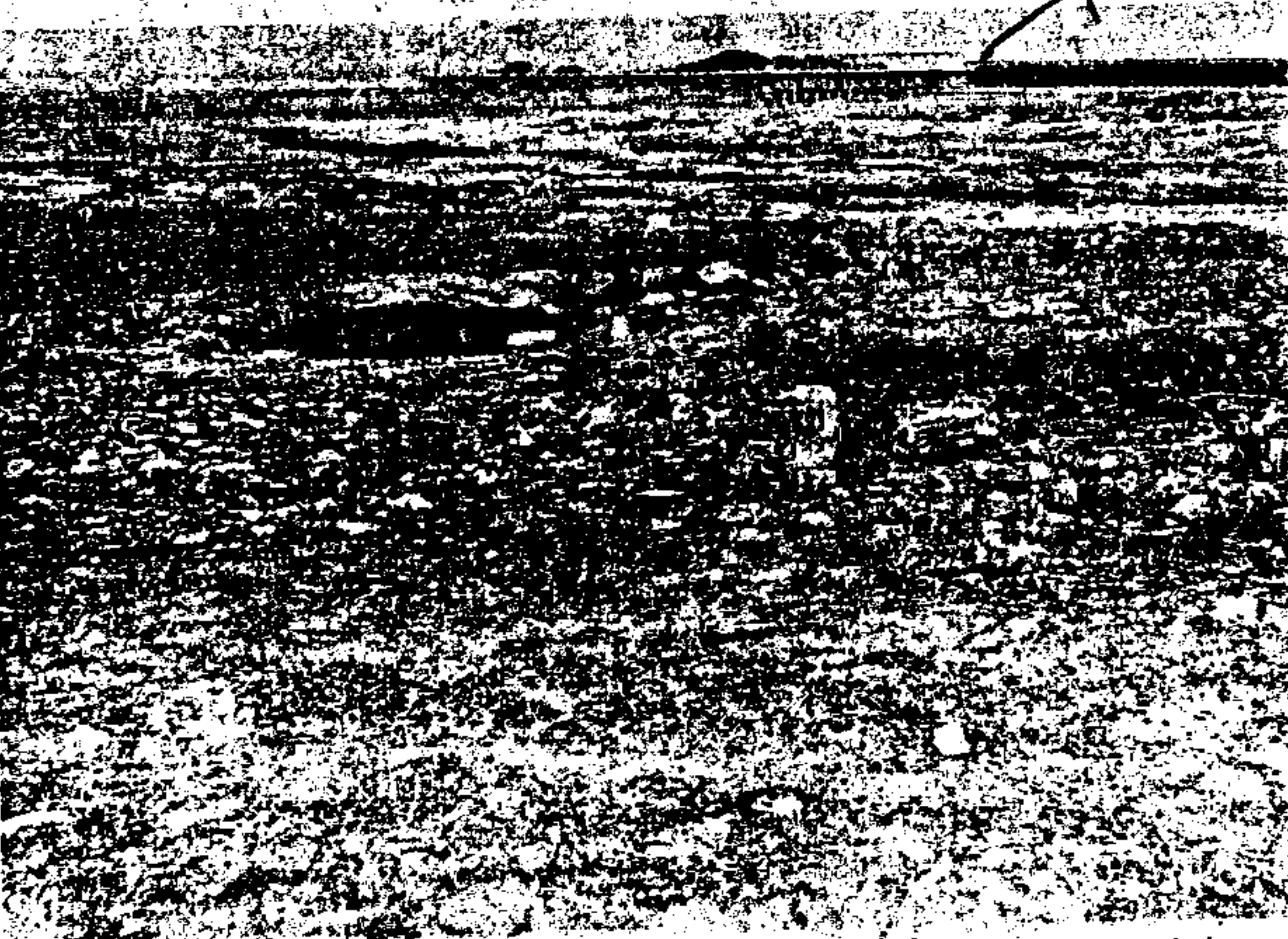
Govt. likely to inform Supreme Court of the decision

NAGESH PRABHU

BENGALURU: With Karnataka staring at 81 per cent deficit rainfall during the northeast monsoon in the Cauvery catchment areas, the government is likely to inform the Supreme Court that it cannot continue to release 2,000 cusecs of water a day to Tamil Nadu.

Sources in the State Secretariat told *The Hindu* that the Water Resources Department had already held discussions with the legal team in New Delhi, and suggested the need to file a petition in the apex court, expressing the State's inability to release 2,000 cusecs of water a day to Tamil Nadu following the "almost total failure" of the northeast monsoon.

With depletion of water levels in four reservoirs, residents of urban centres,



The catchment area between Krishnaraja Sagar dam and Biligundlu received only 37 mm against the normal 188 mm.

particularly Bengaluru, would face severe drinking water shortage in summer if the State continued to release 2,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu.

Sources in the Karnataka Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre said the Cauvery

catchment area had received 36 mm of rain as against the normal 192 mm, from October 1 to November 11. The catchment area between the Krishnaraja Sagar dam and Biligundlu had received 37 mm against the normal 188 mm.

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Congress challenges Akalis on SYL issue

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: In no mood to relent on the emotive water-sharing issue over the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, the Congress on Sunday held a rally at the Khuian Sarwar village near Abohar, the tail-end of the canal in Punjab.

Attacking the ruling Akali government, Punjab Congress president Capt. Amarinder Singh dared Akali MLAs to quit the Assembly and face the Congress in the Assembly elections, which, he said, should be conducted

in December itself.

"Implementation of the SYL verdict will severely hit farmers and farm labourers. Akalis had 10 years to resolve the issue and battle the case in court effectively but they failed to do anything," he said, addressing the rally.

Capt. Singh alleged that the ruling party was only interested in the creation of Punjab Suba to rule a Sikh-dominated region for their "vested interests."

'Set up new tribunal'

He reiterated his demand

for the establishment of a new tribunal to assess the quantum of water availability with Punjab, saying it was essential to take further steps on sharing of river water.

The Punjab Congress president said Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Arvind Kejriwal failed to clarify, even three days after the SYL verdict, whether he stood with Punjab on the issue or not. "His [Mr. Kejriwal's] silence is deliberate as he has his eyes on the chiefministership of Punjab while also trying desperately to protect his in-

terests in Delhi and Haryana," he said.

Expressing concern over the plight of farmers, many of whom had committed suicide out of frustration over their failure to meet the aspirations of their families, Capt. Singh said the Parkash Singh Badal-led government had plunged the farming community into crisis by adopting "anti-farmer policies."

Capt. Singh also came down heavily on the Central government, lambasting it for "pushing" the common people on the verge of disaster as

a result of its "ill-planned" demonetisation, which, he said, had left thousands of people, mainly the poor and daily wage workers, suffering, while the real culprits of corruption were warned in advance to let them go scot-free. Lashing out at Mr. Badal, senior Congress leader Sunil Jakhar said: "The State government allowed the SYL case to go virtually unfought in the court. The entire SYL issue was a premeditated attempt by the Akalis to divert public attention ahead of the Assembly elections."

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Taking a totally negative course

Setup a new tribunal for the division of the Ravi-Beas water

The tensions which characterise inter-state river water disputes in India are never far from the surface. This is clear from the sequence of events following a ruling by the Supreme Court against the Punjab Termination Agreements Act, 2004, in which Punjab had unilaterally annulled all water-sharing agreements with the neighbouring states. The verdict has resurrected a tangle that has defied political and legal solutions since 1966 when Haryana was carved out of Punjab. It has opened the sluice gates of political one-upmanship in Punjab with the ruling parties and opposition hitting the protest button.

The SC ruling is a body blow to Punjab's stand calling all previous water-sharing treaties discriminatory to the agrarian state. The court has invalidated the Termination Act, which now affects the SC judgments of 2002 and 2004, directing both Punjab and the Centre to complete the long-aborted Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal to carry Haryana's share of the Ravi-Beas water from Punjab in accordance with the 1981 water-sharing agreement. The development has set the stage for a constitutional showdown as the SAD-BJP government has struck a defiant posture against the SC ruling. With his trademark 'not-a-drop-to-spare' bellicosity, Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal has sworn that not even one brick would be laid at the SYL canal site. It's hard not to see the new situation through the prism of the past when this issue had led to outbreaks of religious extremism by way of protest. Punjab could well be staring at a constitutional flashpoint as the ruling alliance, hell bent upon blocking the adverse SC fiat, has called an emergency assembly session on November 16 to pass another Act to scrap, again, all water-sharing treaties. Pushing the envelope, it may even block the current flow of Punjab waters to Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi. Faced with the severe anti-incumbency of two-terms, the Akalis see the SYL row as vehicle to revive their sagging fortunes.

Not to be outdone in the race to project itself as the true custodian of Punjab's rights, Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh resigned from the Lok Sabha as Amritsar MP as did all 42 Congress MLAs from the assembly. This competitive belligerence has pushed the Modi government into a corner as the BJP is in power in both Punjab and Haryana. It's time for the Centre chart a new course centred on Punjab's demand for a fresh tribunal for division of the river waters. For that, it's imperative that all stakeholders stop muddying the waters.

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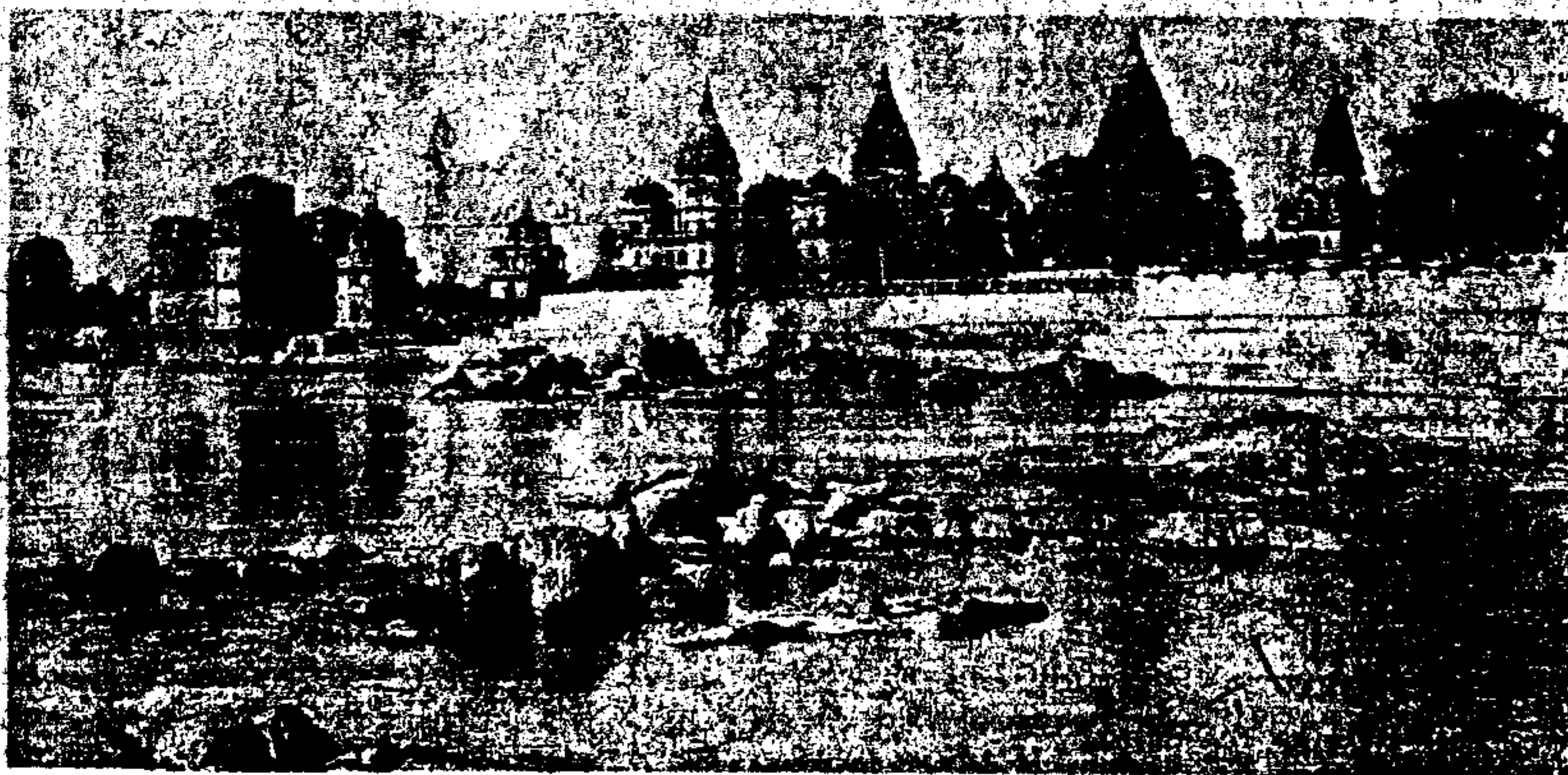
Ken-Betwa project hangs on forest nod

JACOB KOSHY

NEW DELHI: The Rs. 9,000-crore Ken-Betwa river-interlinking project, which will partly submerge the Panna tiger reserve, may be delayed after a key Environment Ministry body tasked with giving it forest clearance has deferred it at least until January, two people familiar with the process told *The Hindu*.

The project will submerge 6,221 hectares of land—4,141 hectares of it is core forest inside the reserve. The Forest Advisory Committee's clearance is required for this diversion of forest land.

Depending on whether a project takes over land in wildlife sanctuaries or notified forest land, it requires separate wildlife, forest and environment clearances. "There was a only a 20-minute presentation by the project proponents, which is too little to deliberate on a such a large project," said a person familiar with the clearance process. "A site visit is required and it should take an-



CRUCIAL LINK: The Betwa in Madhya Pradesh. — FILE PHOTO: MONICA TIWARI

other month at least."

The main feature of the project is a 230-km canal and a series of barrages and dams connecting the Ken and the Betwa to irrigate 3.5 lakh hectares in Madhya Pradesh and 14,000 hectares in the Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh.

Tiger reserve to be hit

The key components are the Makodia and the Dhaud-

han dams, the latter expected to be 77 metres high, which will submerge 5,803 hectares of tiger habitat in the tiger reserve.

Chhatarpur, Panna, Tikamgarh, Raisen, and Vidisha districts of Madhya Pradesh and Mahoba, Jhansi and Banda districts of Uttar Pradesh will benefit from irrigation, domestic and industrial water supply and power generation, says a project report

of the Water Ministry. On the other hand, 6,388 people will be affected as water from the Daudhan reservoir will submerge 10 villages and 13,499 in 28 villages will be affected by submergence caused by the Makodia reservoir.

Seventeen lakh residents of nearby towns and villages in both States will benefit from improved drinking water supply and irrigation, the report added.

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Political and legal aspects of water dispute

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NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH: The war over water in Punjab is generally viewed from the Akali-Congress perspective. But the catch is in its legal nuances — and the Aam Aadmi Party's bid for equity in the emerging emotive space.

"As AAP has no baggage from history in the state, it can draw no political advantage from the issue inherited from history," argued Chandigarh-based political scientist Pramod Kumar. In contrast, the two traditional rivals have enough arrows to draw from history's quiver; the water-sharing dispute between Punjab and Haryana having festered since the reorganisation of states in 1966.

To identify with the popular rage water-sharing arouses in the agrarian state, the Congress has taken the path of renunciation and the Akalis of defiance. Capt Amarinder Singh resigned from the Amristar seat he had in the Lok Sabha while his party legislators quit the state assembly. The Akalis under chief



■ To identify with the popular rage water-sharing arouses in the agrarian state, the Congress has taken the path of renunciation and the Akalis of defiance.

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minister PS Badal refused to accept the view the Supreme Court tendered in response to the 2004 presidential reference.

Amarinder and Badal cancel each other out in terms of political dividend: the law declared unconstitutional was passed when Amarinder was CM; Badal refuses to accept the court's view on the law bequeathed by his predecessor and political rival.

Struggling for stakes in the ongoing tussle, AAP has chosen to replicate the Akali protests of yore at Kapoori in Patiala. The venue is significant. It was there that Indira Gandhi inau-

gurated the construction of the SYL canal in 1982, triggering the Akalis' "Kapoori Morcha" against the canal that's still incomplete.

There's intense speculation that the Akali defiance of the court may push it to President's Rule. But a central minister told me the CM's refusal to accept the court's advice to the President under Article 143 does not amount to its contempt.

To that, the Congress's Kapil Sibal averred: Badal might adopt a political stance, but the court's view holding the Punjab law "unconstitutional" is binding

on the Centre. "Wasn't it the Centre that made the reference to the court?" he asked.

The constitutional position, as explained by senior advocate KN Bhat, is as follows: The court's reply to a presidential reference isn't binding the way its judgments are. Theoretically, that's the position. "In practice, it gets the primacy it deserves as a view expressed by the highest court," he said.

The remedy available to Haryana in the face of Punjab's intransigence was to have the dispute — to which states like Rajasthan and Delhi are also a party — referred to a tribunal set up under Article 262 of the Constitution. The said article mandates that inter-state water disputes cannot be settled by courts and have to be referred to tribunals.

There's scope therefore to further delay the protracted dispute to which there can be no easy resolutions in election time. Like it took the court 12 years to respond to the reference made in 2004 — after Punjab unilaterally blocked SYL construction and scrapped water agreements with other states.

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बर्फ से ढका लेह, घाटी में पारा शून्य तक पहुंचा

आईना ...

श्रीनगर। जम्मू-कश्मीर के लद्दाख क्षेत्र के लेह में भारी बर्फबारी से पारा शून्य से 6.8 डिग्री सेल्सियस नीचे आ गया है। सर्द हवाओं ने घाटी का तापमान भी शून्य पर ला दिया है।

मौसम विभाग के प्रवक्ता ने शनिवार को बताया कि जम्मू-कश्मीर में अगले 48 घंटे के दौरान मौसम शुष्क बना रहेगा। इस दौरान बादल भी छाए रहेंगे। उन्होंने बताया कि न्यूनतम तापमान गिरने के कारण लेह में पानी के कई स्रोत जम गए हैं। साइबेरिया के बाद विश्व के दूसरे सबसे ठंडे इलाके

मुश्किल

- मौसम विभाग के प्रवक्ता ने कहा, बर्फबारी से गिरा तापमान
- अगले 24 घंटे में घाटी में बारिश से और नीचे जाएगा पारा

में शुमार लद्दाख क्षेत्र के कारगिल और द्रास सेक्टर में भी तापमान काफी कम है। अगले 24 घंटे के दौरान न्यूनतम तापमान शून्य से छह डिग्री सेल्सियस नीचे रहने की संभावना है।

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हरियाणा और पंजाब में कोर्ट के फैसले को भुनाने की तैयारी जल बंटवारे पर सियासी दल आमने-सामने

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चंडीगढ़ | हमारे संवाददाता

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने सतलुज-यमुना लिंक (एसवाईएल) मुद्दे पर भले ही हरियाणा के हक में फैसला सुनाया हो, लेकिन पानी के मुद्दे पर दोनों राज्यों के सियासी दल आमने-सामने आ गए हैं। सभी दल फैसले को अपने अनुकूल बनाने की जुगत में लगे हुए हैं।

शीर्ष अदालत के आदेश पर हरियाणा में वर्षों बाद एक बार फिर एसवाईएल का मुद्दा गर्माया है। राज्य के सभी दल पंजाब के खिलाफ मोर्चा खोलने की तैयारी में हैं।

हरियाणा के विपक्ष दल इंडियन नेशनल लोकदल (इनेलो) की रणनीति पर सभी की नजरें लगी हुई हैं। इस मामले को इनेलो पूरी तरह से भुनाना चाहता है। हालांकि इनेलो की लंबे समय तक अकाली दल के साथ राजनीतिक साझेदारी रही है। अकाली दल सुप्रीमो प्रकाश सिंह बादल इनेलो के लिए वोट भी मांगते रहे हैं। लिहाजा मामले पर

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पंजाब के मुख्यमंत्री प्रकाश सिंह बादल ने कहा कि एसवाईएल मुद्दे पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले के बाद कांग्रेस विधायकों का इस्तीफा सिर्फ राजनीतिक स्टंट है। उन्होंने कहा कि 'आप' पाखंडियों की पार्टी है, उसका मकसद सिर्फ राजनीतिक फायदा लेना है।



कोर्ट के फैसले के खिलाफ पंजाब कांग्रेस की रैली आज

सतलुज यमुना संपर्क नहर मामले में सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले के खिलाफ कांग्रेस रविवार को पंजाब के फाजिल्का में रैली निकालेगी। रैली का आयोजन अबोहर गंगानगर राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर कूईयां सरवर गांव में किया जाएगा। इसमें प्रदेश कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष कैप्टन अमरिंदर सिंह अकाली-भाजपा गठबंधन सरकार के खिलाफ ताकत का प्रदर्शन करेंगे। गौरतलब है कि कोर्ट के फैसले के बाद से ही पंजाब कांग्रेस ने कड़ा रुख अपना लिया है। पार्टी नेता और कार्यकर्ता हरियाणा को पानी नहीं देने की बात कह रहे हैं।

उसका रुख अहम माना जा रहा है। इनेलो ने 14 नवंबर को पार्टी नेताओं व कार्यकर्ताओं की बैठक बुलाई है। हरियाणा की राजनीति में अलग-थलग पड़ी कांग्रेस भी इस मुद्दे को भुनाने में कोई कसर नहीं छोड़ना चाह रही। पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री भूपेंद्र सिंह हुड्डा ने एसवाईएल के मुद्दे पर आंदोलन का ऐलान कर दिया है। पूर्व सीएम भूपेंद्र सिंह हुड्डा पानी के मुद्दे पर 'अधिकार का संघर्ष' नाम से आंदोलन शुरू करेंगे। इसके लिए कांग्रेस ने 15 नवंबर को मौजूदा और पूर्व

विधायकों के अलावा अन्य नेताओं की बैठक बुलाई है।

इसके अलावा प्रदेश की सत्तारूढ़ भाजपा ने भी 15 नवंबर को मंत्रिमंडल की बैठक बुलाई है, जिसमें सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले की समीक्षा किए जाने की संभावना है। बता दें कि सतलुज-यमुना लिंक मामला पंजाब और हरियाणा के बीच कई दशक से चल रहा है। इस मुद्दे को लेकर कई बार दोनों राज्यों के टकराव हो चुका है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट का फैसला आने से यह मामला फिर तूल पकड़ चुका।

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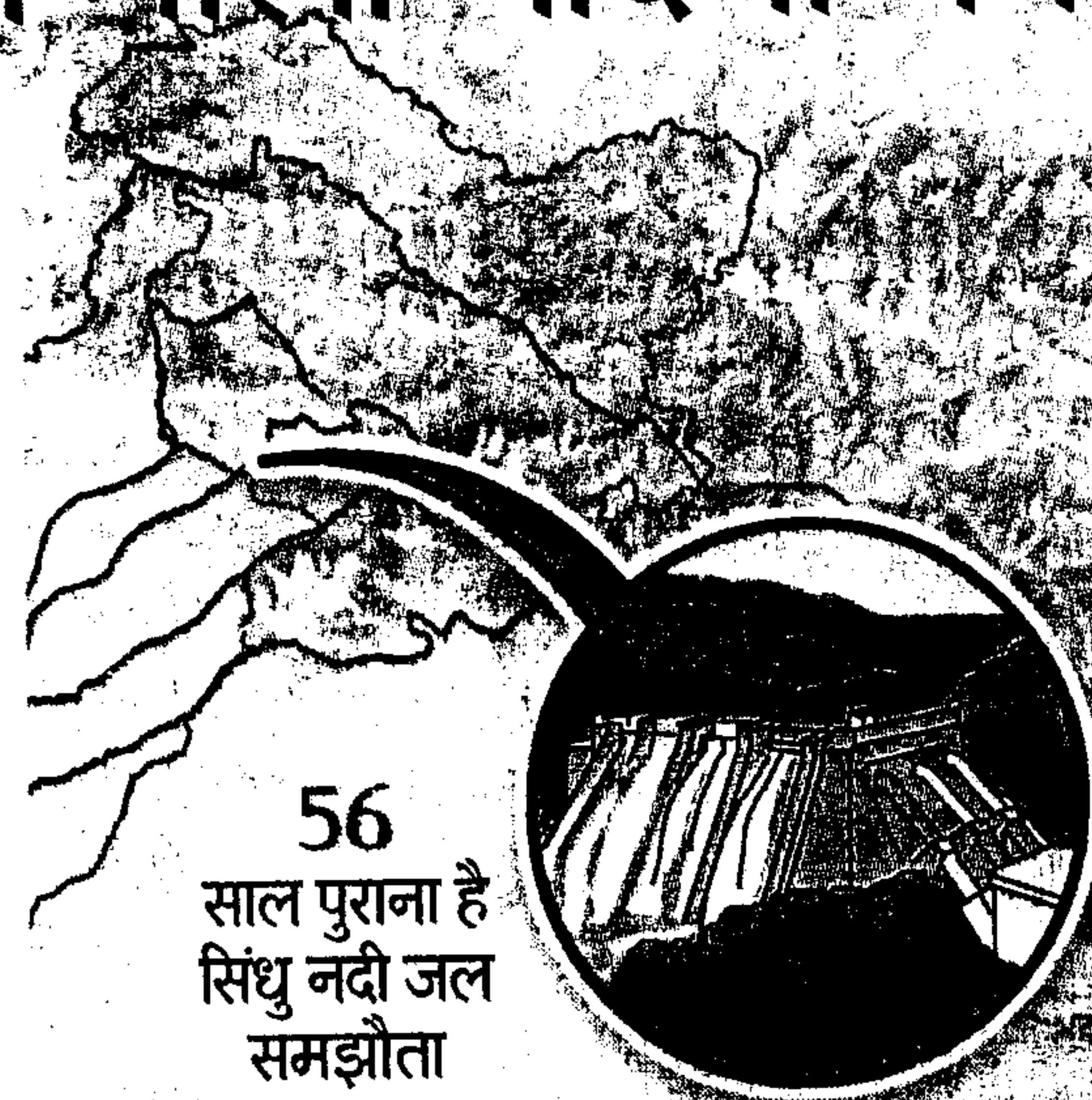
पाक की ओर बहने वाली नदियों का देशहित में इस्तेमाल

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नई दिल्ली. केन्द्र ने पाक की ओर बहने वाली नदियों का समुचित इस्तेमाल अपने हक में करने की तैयारी शुरू कर दी है। सूत्र बताते हैं कि प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय (पीएमओ) ने केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण (सीईए) को 31 दिसंबर तक उन छह से ज्यादा जलविद्युत परियोजनाओं के बारे में तकनीकी और आर्थिक अध्ययन पूरा कर विस्तृत रिपोर्ट देने के लिए कहा है जिन्हें चिनाब नदी पर बनाया जाना है। पीएमओ ने सीईए से कहा है कि चिनाब नदी पर बनने वाले 6 से ज्यादा जलविद्युत

परियोजनाओं के बारे में तकनीकी और आर्थिक मूल्यांकन का मसला एक साल से लंबित है और अब इस पर तेजी से काम करने की आवश्यकता है। पीएमओ के अधिकारी की माने तो सरकार 56 साल पुराने सिंधु नदी जल समझौते के दायरे में ही इस पर आगे बढ़ेगी। 1960 में हुई जल संधि को दुनिया का सबसे उदार जल समझौता माना जाता है। इसके तहत व्यास, रावी व सतलज के ज्यादातर पानी का इस्तेमाल करने का अधिकार भारत को है, जबकि पश्चिम की ओर बहने वाली सिंधु, चिनाब व झेलम के पानी का अधिकांश इस्तेमाल पाक करता है।



मिल सकती है 5000 मेगावॉट बिजली

समझौते के तहत भारत इन नदियों के पानी से 13.4 लाख एकड़ क्षेत्र में सिंचाई भी कर सकता है। लेकिन इन नदियों से भारत अब तक 8 लाख एकड़ कृषि क्षेत्र में सिंचाई का लाभ उठा पा रहा है। सालाना 13.3 करोड़ एकड़ फीट पानी इन तीनों नदियों से होकर बहता है। समझौते के तहत इसमें 36 लाख एकड़ फीट पानी भारत अपने पास बांध बनाकर संग्रहीत कर सकता है। केन्द्र का आकलन है कि इससे देश को 5,000 मेगावॉट बिजली मिल सकती है।

केंद्र की आकलन की है योजना

केन्द्र जिन जलविद्युत परियोजनाओं का आकलन करने जा रही है उसमें 1,856 मेगावॉट की सवालकोट परियोजना, 990 मेगावॉट की किरथाई व 540 मेगावॉट की कवाड़ परियोजना है। केंद्र अब सिंधु समझौते के तहत मिले अपने अधिकारों का पूरा इस्तेमाल करने पर गंभीरता से विचार कर रहा है।

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नई दिल्ली . हरियाणा के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री भूपेंद्र सिंह हुड्डा ने कहा है कि सतलुज यमुना लिंक नहर मामले में कांग्रेस हरियाणा सरकार के हर कदम के साथ है, मगर हमें बादल का खून नहीं, अपने हक का पानी चाहिए। पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री भूपेंद्र सिंह हुड्डा ने कहा अगर बादल के पास अधिक खून है तो वे पंजाब के गरीब मरीजों को बाट दे, क्योंकि मरीजों को अस्पतालों में खून की आवश्यकता है। हुड्डा हरियाणा के पानीपत में पत्रकारों से बात कर रहे थे।

हुड्डा ने कहा कि एसवाइएल पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले से हरियाणा को न्याय मिला है। हमें माहौल खराब होने देने से रोकना होगा और दोनों राज्यों में बेहतर माहौल बनाए

42 विधायकों का
एक साथ इस्तीफा

वहीं, सतलुज-यमुना लिंक नहर के मुद्दे पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले के बाद पंजाब में राजनीति तेज हो गई है। इस मुद्दे पर कांग्रेस के 42 विधायकों ने अपने साथ इस्तीफा दे दिया। पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री कपटन अमरिंदर सिंह तो गुरुवार को ही लोकसभा से इस्तीफा दे

रखना चाहिए। पंजाब और हरियाणा आपस में भाई-भाई हैं और दोनों की संस्कृति व माहौल एक सा है। वहीं, हरियाणा में सतलुज यमुना लिंक नहर के मसले पर सभी दल एकजुट होते नजर आ रहे हैं। विपक्षी दलों ने इस मामले पर राज्य सरकार का पूरा साथ देने का भरोसा दिलाया है। हुड्डा ने कहा कि एसवाइएल पर हरियाणा का पूरा अधिकार है और हम अपना अधिकार लेकर रहेंगे।

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कुओं के जलस्तर में 65% की कमी आई

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ग्राउंड वाटर बोर्ड ने इसके आंकड़े जारी किए हैं।

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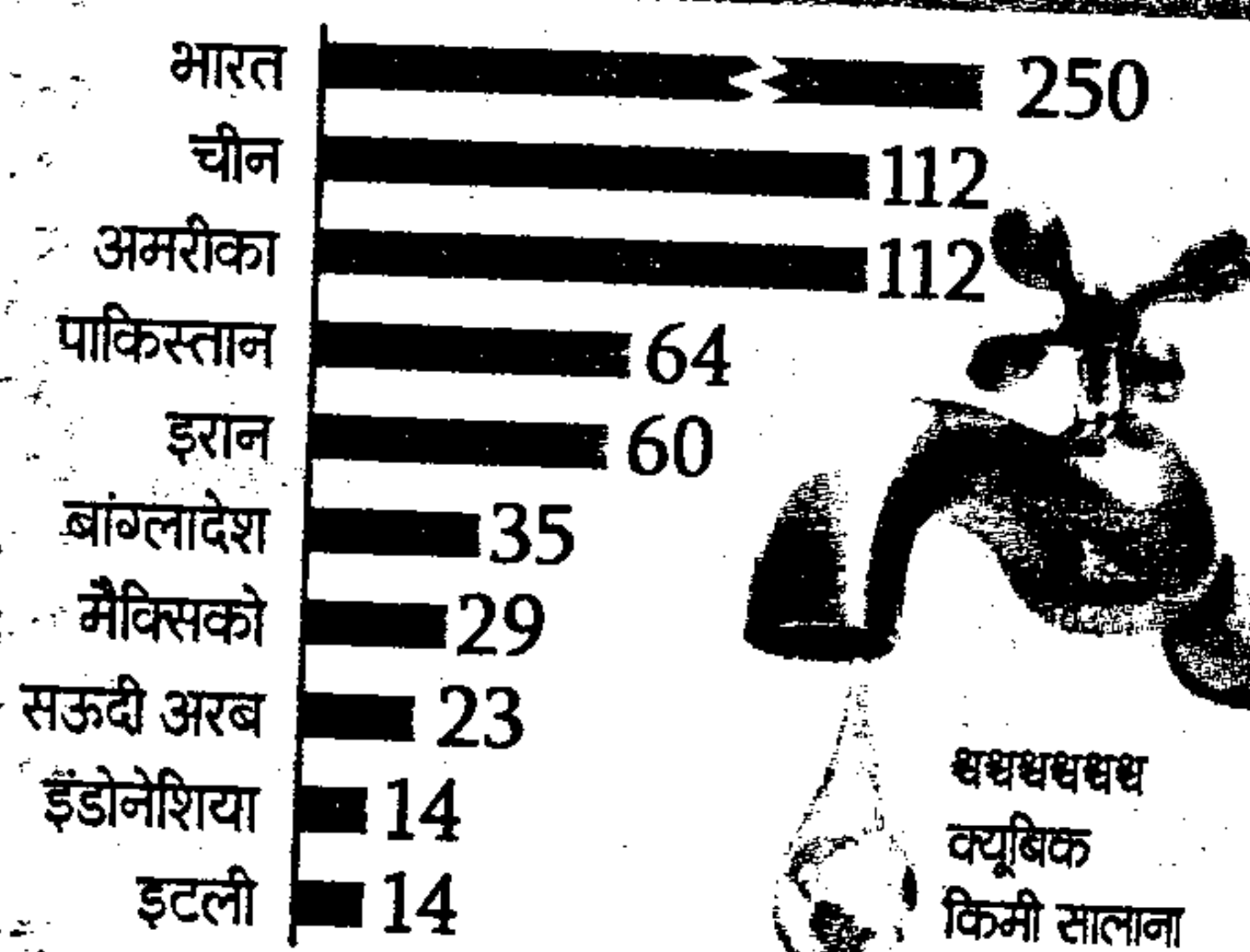
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12.70% कुओं का जलस्तर 2 से 4 मीटर गिरा

8.70% कुओं का पानी 4 मीटर कम हुआ

124% इस्तेमाल जमीन के पानी का बढ़ा भारत में

जमीन के पानी का कहां कितना इस्तेमाल



कोन सा राज्य ज्यादा निर्भर

172% पंजाब प्रयोग

बढ़ा जमीन के पानी का

137% राजस्थान

इस्तेमाल बढ़ा पानी का

133% हरियाणा प्रयोग

बढ़ा इस पानी का राज्य में

137% दिल्ली इस्तेमाल

बढ़ जमीन के पानी का

क्यों घट रहा पानी

घरों में मोटर लम्बा पानी

निकालना

पानी मॉफ्टियाओं द्वारा

दूरस्थान से पानी निकाल

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बारिश का कम होना

सिंचाई के लिए दूरस्थान

के पानी पर निर्भर होना

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चंडीगढ़. रावी-ब्यास नदी जल के बंटवारे को लेकर पंजाब और हरियाणा के बीच कई दशकों से चल रही रस्साकशी का शिकार राजस्थान भी हो सकता है। इस नजरिए से आगामी 16 नवम्बर को पंजाब की अकाली-भाजपा सरकार की ओर से बुलाए जाने वाले विधानसभा के आपात सत्र पर पर्यवेक्षकों की नजरें टिकी हुई है। ऐसे संकेत मिल रहे हैं कि सतलुज-यमुना सम्पर्क नहर के निर्माण पर राष्ट्रपति के रेफरेंस पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट की राय हरियाणा के पक्ष में आने से

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अकाली-भाजपा सरकार की ओर से इस तरह का अतिवादी कदम उठाए जाने के पीछे सियासी कारण माने जा रहे हैं। पंजाब विधानसभा चुनाव के करीब होने से नदी जल बंटवारे का मुद्दा पंजाब की राजनीति में अहम हो गया है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले से अकाली दल को पंजाब की जनता के सामने अपना प्रदेश हितैषी चेहरा पेश करना जरूरी हो गया है। मुख्यमंत्री प्रकाश सिंह बादल असें से कहते आ रहे हैं कि नदी जल की एक बूंद किसी अन्य राज्य को नहीं दी जाएगी। पंजाब का नदी जल रोकने

रोष में आई अकाली-भाजपा सरकार अतिवादी कदम उठाते हुए हरियाणा के साथ राजस्थान को भी की जा रही नदी जल की मौजूदा आपूर्ति रोकने के लिए विधेयक

के लिए कोई भी कुर्बानी दी जा सकती है। एक ओर तो मुख्यमंत्री प्रकाश सिंह बादल को अपने इन वचनों को प्रदेश की जनता के सामने सही साबित करना है तो दूसरी ओर पंजाब प्रदेश कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष कैप्टन अमरिंदर सिंह ने दावा किया है कि कांग्रेस के पंजाब में सत्तारूढ़ होने पर पंजाब का पानी पंजाब के किसानों के हक में बँटाए रखने के लिए नया कानून बनाया जाएगा। संभव है अकाली-भाजपा गठबंधन कांग्रेस के इन दावों को नाकाम करने के लिए ऐसा अतिवादी कदम भी उठा ले।

पारित कर सकती है। यदि इस तरह का विधेयक पारित किया जाता है तो रावी-ब्यास नदी जल के बंटवारे के लिए फिर लम्बी कानूनी लड़ाई का रास्ता खुल जाएगा।

बादल ने राष्ट्रपति से समय मांगा

हालांकि अभी अकाली दल के बंदरखाले कानूनी और सियासी सभी विकल्पों पर विचार किया जा रहा है। मुख्यमंत्री प्रकाश सिंह बादल ने अपनी कैबिनेट के साथ पंजाब का पक्ष रखने के लिए राष्ट्रपति से समय मांगा है। राष्ट्रपति से बादल सुप्रीम कोर्ट की राय न मानने का आग्रह कर सकते हैं। सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले पर विशेषज्ञों की राय भी भिन्न-भिन्न है। एक पक्ष सुप्रीम कोर्ट का फैसला राष्ट्रपति के लिए बाध्यकारी बता रहा है और दूसरा पक्ष कह रहा है कि राष्ट्रपति सुप्रीम कोर्ट की राय मानने के लिए बाध्य नहीं है। उधर आम आदमी पार्टी ने सतलुज-यमुना सम्पर्क नहर के उद्गम स्थल पटियाला जिले के कपूरी में सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले के बाद नहर निर्माण रोकने के लिए मोर्चा शुरू कर दिया है।

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जयपुर. जल संसाधन अधिकारियों से लेकर मंत्री तक सभी पंजाब से पूरा पानी लेने की बात तो कर रहे हैं, लेकिन मरम्मत के अभाव में जर्जर होने के कारण वर्तमान में ही इंदिरा गांधी नहर में कम पानी लिया जा रहा है। पांच साल से पहले नहर के पूरी तरह सुधरने की उम्मीद ही नहीं है। दूसरी ओर जल संसाधन विभाग के मुख्य अभियंता राजकुमार चौधरी पानी कम आने की वजह राजस्थान का हिस्सा घटना बता रहे हैं। पंजाब से फिलहाल 18 हजार के बजाय 11 से 12 हजार क्यूसेक पानी ही लिया जा रहा है। बताया जाता है कि नहर को खतरे के भय से पंजाब पूरा पानी नहीं आने देता है। कारण चाहे जो हों, लेकिन आज नहर की हालत ठीक नहीं होने के कारण प्रदेश के कई जिले सेम की समस्या का सामना कर रहे हैं और किसानों तक पूरा पानी नहीं पहुंच रहा है। पड़ताल में सामने आया कि पिछली चार

ब्रिक्स देशों की बैंक से लेंगे ऋण

नहर के हालात और उसमें पानी सफाई को लेकर जल संसाधन विभाग के उत्तरी क्षेत्र के मुख्य अभियंता राजकुमार चौधरी ने बताया कि नहर की मरम्मत के लिए ब्रिक्स देशों की बैंक से ऋण लेने की बात की जा रही है। प्रस्तुत है उनसे बातचीत के अंश-

नहर की मरम्मत पर कितना खर्च आएगा?	इस राशि की व्यवस्था कहाँ से की जाएगी?	0.6 एमएफ पानी कब से बढ़ेगा?
पूरी नहर की मरम्मत पर 3009 करोड़ रुपए का खर्चा आएगा। मरम्मत का काम पूरा होने में पांच साल का समय लगेगा, इसके बाद नहर पूरी तरह सही हो जाएगी।	ब्रिक्स देशों की न्यू डवलपमेंट बैंक से ऋण के लिए बात की जा रही है। जल्द ऋण मिलने की संभावना है और इसी साल से काम शुरू करा दिया जाएगा।	सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने प्रेसीडेंसियल रेफरेंस तो तय कर दिया है, लेकिन पंजाब के 0.6 एमएफ पानी कम देने का विवाद अभी सुप्रीम कोर्ट में लंबित है। उसका फैसला आने पर ही विवाद समाप्त होगा और पूरा पानी मिल जाएगा।

नहर से वर्तमान में 19.63 लाख हेक्टेयर में सिंचाई

नहर से वर्तमान में कुल 19.63 लाख हेक्टेयर भूमि की सिंचाई हो रही है, समझौते के तहत पानी 8 के बजाय 8.6 एमएफ मिलने पर सिंचित क्षेत्र तो नहीं बढ़ेगा, लेकिन किसानों को पानी कम मिलने की शिकायत दूर हो जाएगी।

सरकारों के कार्यकाल में नहर की मरम्मत, नवीनीकरण और विस्तार पर करीब 500 करोड़ रुपए खर्च हो चुके हैं, इसके बावजूद नहर की लाइनिंग क्षतिग्रस्त है। रावी-ब्यास जल बंटवारे के समझौते में

इंदिरा गांधी नहर एक नजर में

कुल लम्बाई करीब 205 किलोमीटर है, इसमें से 150 किमी पंजाब में हैं और 55 किमी हिस्सा हरियाणा व राजस्थान में हैं।

राजस्थान को 8.60 एमएफ पानी मिलना तय हुआ, लेकिन पंजाब इसके लिए तैयार नहीं है, इससे 8 एमएफ ही पानी मिल रहा है। इसमें भी पंजाब मनमर्जी से घटत-बढ़त करता रहता है।

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जेडीए ने फिर शुरू की तैयारी द्रव्यवती नदी चमकाने के लिए हटा रहे 2100 पेड़

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जयपुर. द्रव्यवती नदी (अमानीशाह नाला) के सौन्दर्य के आड़े आ रहे करीब 2,100 से अधिक पेड़ों के कारण जेडीए ने फिर इनकी कटाई की प्रक्रिया शुरू कर दी है। इन पेड़ों की नीलामी 25 नवम्बर को होगी। इसके लिए न्यूनतम आरक्षित मूल्य 20.80 लाख रुपए रखा है। इनमें ज्यादातर घने पेड़ हैं। हालांकि, जेडीए अधिकारियों का दावा है कि प्रोजेक्ट के हिस्से में करीब 16 हजार पौधे लगाए जाएंगे, जिससे काटे गए पेड़ों की पूर्ति हो जाएगी। नौकरशाहों ने पहले भी विकास परियोजनाओं के नाम पर ऐसे ही दावे किए, लेकिन हकीकत में ऐसा नहीं हो सकता। पेड़ हटाने के लिए दो माह का समय दिया है। इसमें अनुबंधित फर्म को आधा मीटर गहराई तक पेड़ हटाने होंगे।

85 छोटे चेक डेम पर काम : द्रव्यवती नदी (अमानीशाह नाला) का पानी बीच-बीच में रोकने और भूजल स्तर बढ़ाने के लिए 85

रोकेगे भूमि का कटाव

इसकी गहराई 0.5 मीटर होगी और चिह्नित हिस्से में एक साथ छोटी दूरी में होंगे। द्रव्यवती नदी में कई हिस्से ऐसे हैं, जहाँ पानी का बहाव तेजी से हो रहा है। ऐसे में मिट्टी का कटाव होने से गहरे गड्ढे या ऊबड़-खाबड़ सी स्थिति हो गई। इससे मिट्टी के कटाव को रोकेंगे। द्रव्यवती नदी के उद्गम स्थल से 5 किमी बाद से इसका निर्माण शुरू होगा।

छोटे चेक डेम (छोटे बांध) और कटाव रोकने के लिए 122 फॉल स्ट्रक्चर बनाने की प्लानिंग पर काम शुरू हो गया है। अनुबंधित कंपनी ने ऐसी जगह चिह्नित करनी शुरू कर दी है। चेक डेम करीब एक मीटर गहरे होंगे, जो एनीकट की तर्ज पर बनए जाएंगे। ऐसा पानी एकत्र कर वहां का भूजल स्तर बढ़ाने के लिए किया जाएगा। ऐसा पहली बार होगा, जब शहरी आबादी क्षेत्र में इस तरह के चेक डेम व फॉल स्ट्रक्चर बनेंगे।

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श्रीनगर, (वार्ता): लद्दाख क्षेत्र का लेह शून्य से नीचे 6.8 डिग्री सेल्सियस तापमान के साथ बर्फ से ढक गया है जबकि कश्मीर घाटी में सर्द मौसम जारी है। मौसम विभाग के प्रवक्ता ने आज यहां बताया कि जम्मू-कश्मीर में अगले 48 घंटे के दौरान मौसम शुष्क बना रहेगा। हालांकि बादल भी छाये रहेंगे। उन्होंने बताया कि न्यूनतम तापमान के गिरने के कारण लेह में पानी के कई स्त्रोत जम गए हैं। साइबरिया के बाद विश्व के दूसरे सबसे ठंडे इलाके में शुमार लद्दाख क्षेत्र के करीगल और द्रास में भी तापमान काफी कम है। प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि अगले 24 घंटे के दौरान अधिकतम और न्यूनतम तापमान क्रमशः 13 डिग्री और शून्य से नीचे छह डिग्री सेल्सियस के आसपास रहने की संभावना है। इस दौरान लद्दाख में भी आंशिक बादल छाये रहेंगे। ग्रीष्मकालीन राजधानी श्रीनगर में कल इस मौसम की सबसे ठंडी रात रही। न्यूनतम तापमान शून्य से एक डिग्री नीचे दर्ज किया गया। शहर में पहले से प्रभावित जनजीवन के बीच लोग सुबह में बर्फोली हवाओं का सामना करते हुए जगे। हालांकि सरकार की ओर से 500 और 1000 के नोटों को बंद करने के कारण नोट बदलवाने और जमा करने के लिए एटीएम और बैंकों के सामने लोगों की लंबी कतारें लगी रहीं। प्रवक्ता के मुताबिक घाटी में आज मूसलाधार बारिश होने के आसार हैं। अगले 24 घंटे के दौरान शहर में अधिकतम और न्यूनतम तापमान क्रमशः 16 डिग्री और शून्य से एक डिग्री नीचे रहने का अनुमान है।

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नदी जल मुद्दे की लड़ाई संसद तक ले जाने के अलावा विधान सभा के आगामी सत्र में शिरोमणि अकाली दल (शिअद) ने एक स्थगन प्रस्ताव लाने का फैसला किया है। प्रस्ताव में इस सवाल पर चर्चा की मांग की जायेगी कि 'क्या न्यायपालिका संविधान से बड़ी है या संविधान न्यायापालिका से बड़ा है।'

शिअद के प्रवक्ता प्रेम सिंह चंदूमाजरा ने आज कहा, "हम राज्य विधानसभा के 16 नवंबर को बुलाए गए विशेष सत्र में अंतर्राज्यीय जल बंटवारा समझौतों पर असंवैधानिक फैसलों को रद्द करने के लिए एक

फैसले के बाद

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विधेयक लाने के विकल्पों पर गौर कर रहे हैं।" उन्होंने कहा कि शिअद विधेयक के माध्यम से हरियाणा और राजस्थान को दिए जा रहे मौजूदा जल प्रवाह को रोकने के लिए विकल्पों का परीक्षण कर रही है। प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि शिअद 'करो या मरो' की लड़ाई के लिए तैयार है। उन्होंने कहा कि 16 नवंबर को बुलाए गए विशेष सत्र में पंजाब के भविष्य पर फैसला होगा।

लोकसभा सांसद चंदूमाजरा ने कहा कि पंजाब से संबंधित जल बंटवारा समझौते के बाबत लिए गए फैसले या तो राजनीति से प्रेरित थे

या दबाव में लिए गए थे। उन्होंने कहा कि हम कह रहे हैं कि नदी तट कानून के मुताबिक, राज्य अपने पानी के वास्तविक मालिक होते हैं। चंदूमाजरा ने कहा कि शिअद संसद में भी जल मुद्दे को उठाएगी।

चंदूमाजरा ने कहा कि हम संसद में एक स्थगन प्रस्ताव लाएंगे और 'क्या संविधान न्यायपालिका से बड़ी है या न्यायपालिका संविधान से बड़ी' पर चर्चा करने की मांग करेंगे।

उन्होंने कहा कि पार्टी इस मामले का हमेशा के लिए हल चाहती है। शिअद नेता ने जानना चाहा कि क्या न्यायपालिका राज्य विधानसभा द्वारा इस विषय पर बनाए गए कानून को रद्द कर सकती है जो उसके दायरे में आता है। लोकसभा सांसद ने पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री इंदिरा गांधी पर पड़ोसी राज्य के साथ पंजाब पर जल बंटवारा समझौता थोपने का आरोप भी लगाया।

तीन सदस्य कानूनी दल पंजाब सरकार को सलाह देने के लिए उच्चतम न्यायालय के फैसले का सूक्ष्म रूप से अध्ययन कर रहा है।