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State has no water to sell: Cong

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 16
PPCC chief Capt Amarinder Singh said the resolution passed by the Assembly was ridiculous, irrational and illogical. He said Punjab had "no surplus water to sell".

Punjab simply cannot give water to its non-riparian neighbours at any cost, said Amarinder, pointing out that the state was itself facing acute water scarcity that the question of sharing the river-waters did not arise.

Amarinder lashed out at the Badal government for making no mention of the state's water scarcity and its consequent inability to share water in its resolution, which was "blatantly in violation" of the Inter-State

Water Disputes Act, 1955.

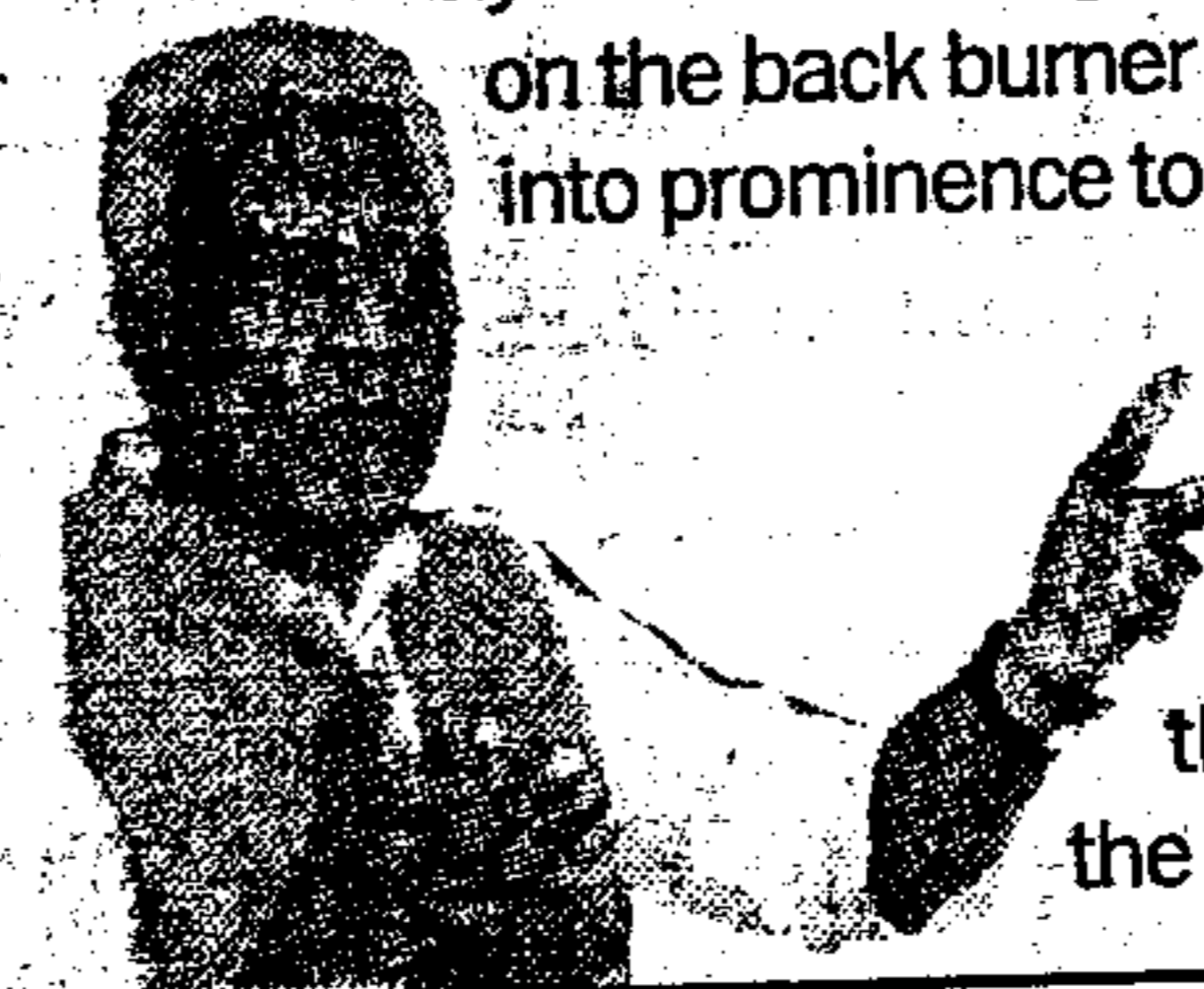
He alleged that by seeking royalty for water shared with other states w.e.f 1966, the Akalis had laid the foundation for making similar demand for water sharing in the future.

Charanjit Singh Channi, Leader of Opposition, while addressing the media, said the directions to the state government and the employees not to hand over any land to any agency for construction of SYL canal were farce. The resolution passed by the ruling party did not require intervention of the legislative.

Instead of passing a resolution, the Badal-led government should have brought a strong Bill on the issue. "But they do not have

'Govt traded waters with Sehajdhari Bill'

Amritsar: PPCC vice-president Sunil Jakhar on Wednesday justified Congress' stance to not attend the special Assembly session on SYL canal. He accused the SAD of selling Punjab's water rights to the BJP in exchange for the SGPC Act Amendment Bill. "The party did this to retain its hold on the Sikh body," he told the media here. He questioned the aim of calling the special Assembly session. "The government relegated the SYL canal on the back burner for 12 years. It brought the matter into prominence to gain mileage in the elections."



"An administrative order to denote the SYL land would have sufficed. What was the need to summon a session? To exploit the issue in the elections can be the only reason," Jakhar said. TNS

Questions If Sukhbir knew about currency ban

Gurdaspur: Jakhar hinted that Deputy CM Sukhbir Singh Badal might have been aware of the government's demonitisation move. He said: "I have no proof, but people have started questioning Sukhbir's absence from Punjab in the days succeeding September 28 when the state government had ordered the evacuation process." TNS

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Won't pay a penny: Rajasthan minister

VARINDER SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 16

Rajasthan has refused to accept Punjab's demand for royalty on its riverwaters. The Punjab Vidhan Sabha today passed a resolution, seeking Rs 80,000 crore in royalty on Punjab's riverwaters flowing to Rajasthan.

Rajasthan Irrigation minister Ram Partap said Rajasthan neither owed money to Punjab nor it would accord royalty on riverwaters.

"The Punjab Vidhan Sabha's resolution is a one-sided affair and inappropriate. Why should Rajasthan pay royalty to Punjab when our state is getting the due share of riverwaters," Partap told The Tribune over phone.

Rajasthan, he said, was getting water as per its share

fixed in the 1981 agreement, wherein there was no provision for royalty to Punjab.

"There is no provision for royalty to Punjab in any accord or Act. The Supreme Court has revoked the 2004 decision of Punjab to annul the riverwaters accord. So, the Punjab Assembly's resolution is against the spirit of the Act," the minister said.

Rajasthan is getting 2,200 cusecs of water from Bikaner canal and 11,000 cusecs from Rajasthan feeder; both canals are at Harike headworks. It is getting water at the rate of 2.5 cusecs per 1,000 acres.

Vijay Pal Singh Maan, Executive Engineer, Harike headworks, said: "Rajasthan has no right on Punjab's riverwaters as per international laws. It is taking water from Punjab free of the cost."

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BJP vows support to Akali Dal

SANJEEV SINGH BARIANA
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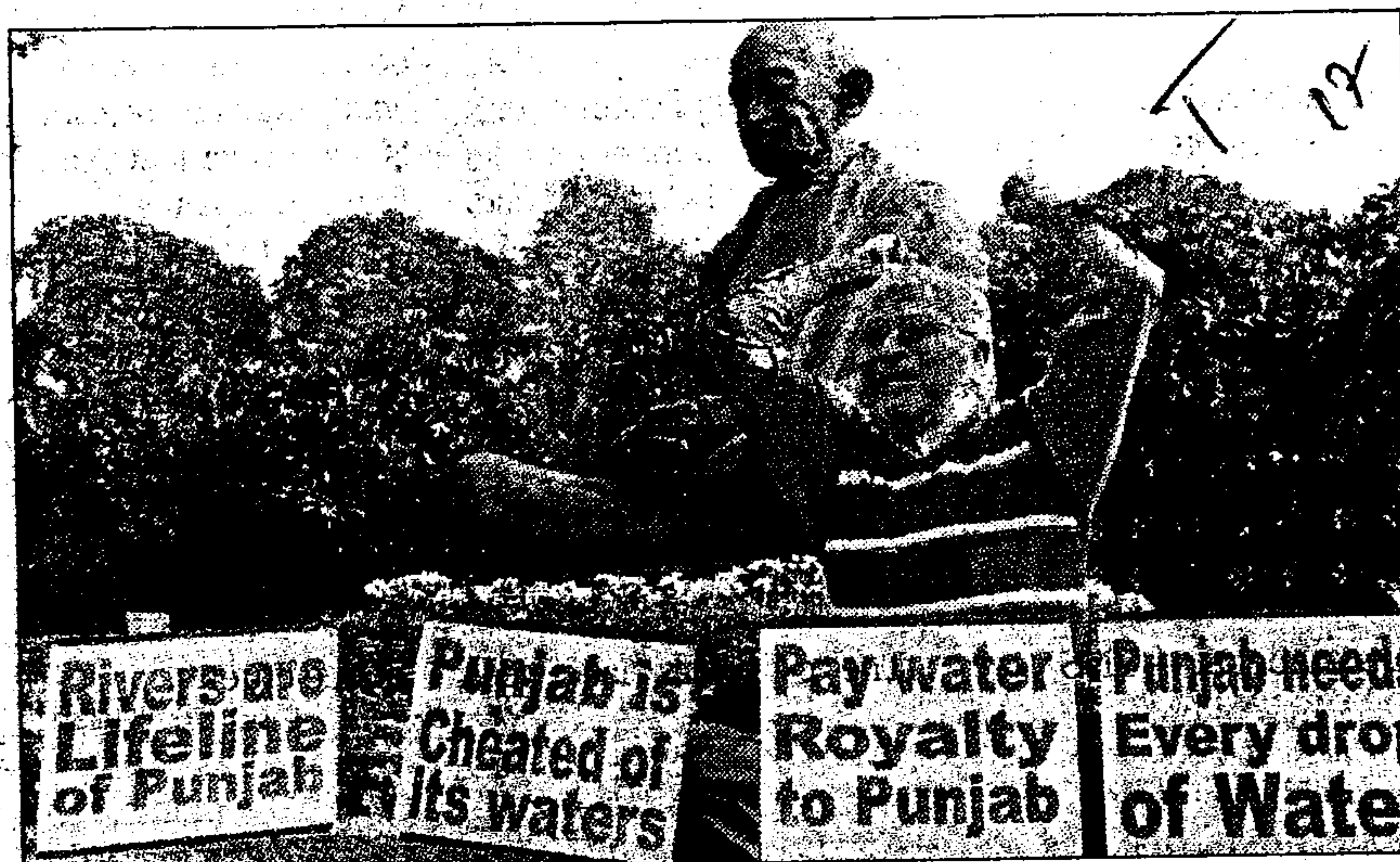
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 16

The state BJP today announced its univocal support to its ally SAD in the Assembly on terminating all work on the SYL canal — No flow from Sutlej will be allowed into Haryana.

Underlining the BJP support on the issue — that was diametrically opposite to the party's stand in neighbouring Haryana which is seeking water — the resolution was moved by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Madan Mohan Mittal and endorsed by senior leader Manoranjan Kalia.

State president Vijay Sampla in a separate communication reiterated the party stand on the issue.

Quoting the precedent, Mittal told the state government to "immediately take up the matter with the Centre regarding seeking royalty from non-riparian states so as to undo the injustice and highhandedness meted out to the state for decades by Congress-led governments in Punjab and at the Centre".



MEANWHILE, IN DELHI: Patiala MP Dharamvira Gandhi on a dharna outside the Parliament house in Delhi on Wednesday. He was protesting the flow of Punjab's riverwaters to non-riparian states without paying a penny to it. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

Kumedan's persistence pays off



Chandigarh: The Punjab Assembly's resolution on riverwaters bears a distinct stamp of an adviser to the Irrigation Department, **Pritam Singh Kumedan**. He has been pressing the Badal

Government to ask Rajasthan and Haryana to pay the cost of the riverwaters which these states are drawing from the the Ravi, Beas and the Sutlej for the past several decades. Whether the government will be able to recover the cost appears to be a wishful thinking as of now. Kumedan had written to the CM from time to time. Some time ago, the CM had asked senior officials to discuss the issue with Kumedan. Initially, most officials continued to dodge the issue but later they started serious pondering over Kumedan's case. — SARBJIT DHALIWAL

'Within rights to give directions'

Chandigarh: Vidhan Sabha Speaker Charanjit Singh Atwal on Wednesday said the House was within its rights to issue directions on any issue and it was the executive's duty to implement these. He was talking to the media on the legal tenability of Vidhan Sabha's directions to the state government following the special Assembly session. The Council of Ministers and all government employees have been directed not to hand over any land to any agency for the construction of the SYL canal, not let any agency initiate work and don't let any agency construct of the canal. He admitted that the directions could be challenged, but he said the House had just exercised its powers. Atwal confirmed that it was for the first time during his tenure that the House had given directions to the government. TNS

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After stormy session, Bains brothers quit Vidhan Sabha

Claim govt copied their proposal to demand royalty for riverwaters

RAJMEET SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 16

Stealing the show during the one-day special Vidhan Sabha session today, Awaaz-e-Punjab leaders Simarjit Singh Bains and Balwinder Singh Bains, independent MLAs from Ludhiana, forced the treasury benches to amend the resolution — demanding charges for riverwater from non-riparian states — by adding the word “cost” along with “royalty”. They also made them agree to raising the costs and royalty bill to Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi.

The initial resolution moved by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Madan Mohan Mittal only mentioned taking up the issue of securing royalty from non-riparian states with the Centre.

The Bains brothers later alleged that the ruling party stole their proposal for raising charges for water flowing to the non-riparian states. “I was thrown out of the Assembly during the last session when I wanted a debate on

the private member’s resolution on Punjab not claiming royalty from Rajasthan since 1965 for sharing its riverwaters. My resolution was rejected by the Speaker. Now, the same has been adopted by the ruling party,” said Simrajit Bains on the floor of the House.

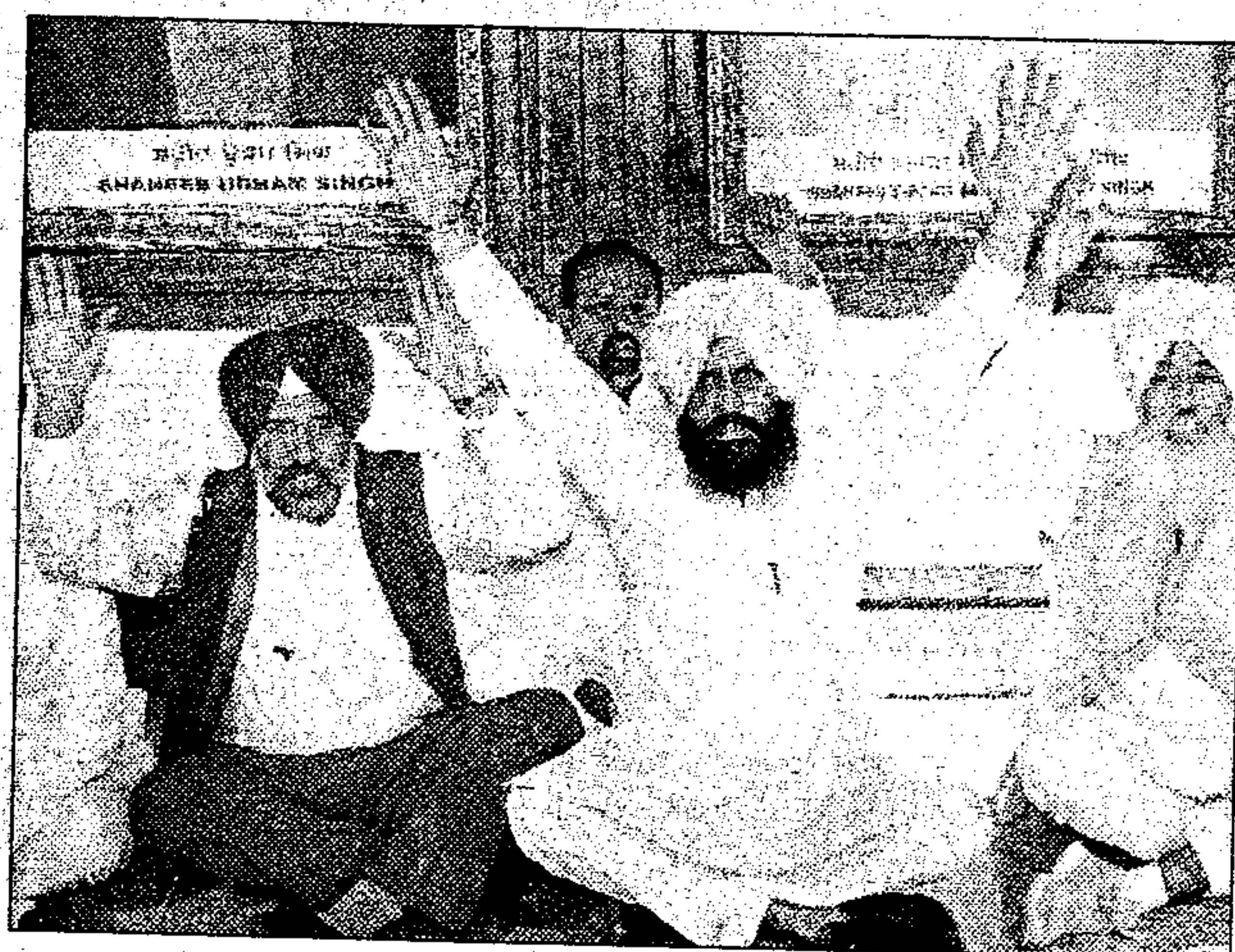
The MLA brothers contradicted Bassi Pathana MLA Nirmal Singh, who said Rajasthan owed Rs 80,000 crore to the state as royalty

for using its waters. Simarjit claimed that Rajasthan owed the state Rs 15.34 lakh crore.

Right from the beginning, the MLAs targeted the government with sporadic reference to the Congress rule for “politicking” on the water dispute. After exchanging heated arguments with Bikram Majitha and then Virsa Singh Valtaha, the duo reached the well of the House to hand over their resignation to the Speaker. The latter

Ridicule Cheema in Assembly

Simarjit Singh Bains, Ludhiana MLA, caught Education Minister Dr Daljit Singh Cheema off guard after he inadvertently mentioned the martyrdom day of Shaheed Kartar Singh Sarabha as his birthday. “Je saade vidya mantri nu hi nahi pata janam dihada ki hunda hai, te pher baaki sarkar ki haal hai tussi jaan sakde ho (If education minister does not know what a birth anniversary is, you can imagine the state of affairs in the state government).



Simarjit Singh Bains (C), Balwinder Singh Bains (R) and Pargat Singh protest outside the Assembly hall. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANOJ MAHAJAN

refused to accept the resignations, saying they should tender submit it in his office.

The Bains brothers along with Pargat Singh sat on a dharna outside the House and raised slogans against the Speaker.

Talking to the media, the Bains brothers said they were going to submit their resignation at the Speaker’s office. Navjot Kaur Sidhu, who was not well, would also send her resignation by mail.

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Election-time itch

Badal fishing for political martyrdom

RATTLED by the latest Supreme Court advisory to the President, the Punjab Government has denotified the SYL land for the second time in eight months, exercising executive powers. The earlier legislative effort was thwarted by the Governor who did not give consent to the Bill passed. Opposition cooperation, available then, was missing now as the Congress dubbed it "political gimmickry" and stayed away from the Assembly session which passed a resolution against the construction of the SYL Canal and in favour of collecting a cess from the states using river waters passing through Punjab.

Citizens as well as political leaders understand that inter-state disputes cannot be settled through unilateral action. The 2004 water agreement termination Act was passed with fanfare, but Capt Amarinder Singh did not get the expected political mileage in the ensuing election despite a massive show of misplaced boldness. That presumably bold action, in fact, delayed efforts towards an acceptable solution as Punjab was dragged to a needless, costly legal battle. This time fortunately the Governor put his foot down, denying Chief Minister Badal a chance to go on a similar legislative misadventure. Irrational remedies Badal is trying these days are bound to be challenged in court. Punjab has lost thrice in the Supreme Court despite having a strong case on its water rights.

As expected, Haryana plans to move the Supreme Court for SYL Canal construction and an NGO has filed a contempt plea against Badal. It remains to be seen whether the Centre helps Badal gain political martyrdom he is seeking by doing what appeals to sentiment more than reason. Months before the Supreme Court ruling he had been trying to work up passions with disappointing results. It will be clear only after the 2017 elections whether people see him as a protector of Punjab waters or a dated politician trying old tricks. Political parties in Punjab are divided on SYL. At the end, solutions have to be workable and agreeable, in compliance with the established constitutional, judicial and democratic norms, not the ones that pit one state and its people against the other.

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3 states will have to pay for water: Punjab House

Passes resolution against handing over land for SYL canal

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 16

The Punjab Vidhan Sabha today passed a resolution directing the state government to demand charges for riverwaters flowing to the non-riparian states of Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi. It asked the state to seek the Centre's help to recover the charges.

The resolution also directed the Punjab Government, Council of Ministers and all state employees not to hand over land to any agency for the construction of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, allow any agency to begin work on it, or cooperate with any agency in its construction. The proposal was mooted by Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal.

Addressing the House, Badal said all aspects of water, including drainage, embankments, water storage and water power, fell in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. The state could not part with its waters since almost 105 blocks were water-stressed and groundwater utilisation had been overexploited, he said.

"Punjab needs 52 MAF (million acre feet) water for agriculture, but only 27 per cent is presently being met from riverwaters. The once-fertile land is becoming barren because of low water availability, which will impact the food security of the nation and the state's economy," he said.

The Opposition Congress MLAs, who resigned from the Assembly last week in the wake of the SC verdict rendering the Punjab Termina-



Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal speaks in the Vidhan Sabha during the special session on the SYL canal issue in Chandigarh on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANOJ MAHAJAN

TWO-PRONGED ATTACK BY GOVT

- With the resolution, the Akali-BJP government has put the Congress and AAP on the defensive (since Congress MLAs abstained from the session, while AAP, which is in power in Delhi, will now have to make its stand on the SYL clear since Delhi is being asked to pay up for water)
- House directions have been issued keeping in mind the SC directives of 2004 asking the Centre to get the SYL constructed through its agency (Central Public Works Department) and make Punjab give all papers linked to the canal to the CPWD. The new directions forbid the state and its employees from cooperating with any agency in canal's construction

tion of Agreements Act 2004 invalid, chose to stay away from the session.

However, Balwinder Singh Bains and Simarjit Singh Bains — Independent MLAs from Ludhiana — and Pargat Singh, who quit the Akali Dal recently, were present. The Bains brothers, particularly Simarjit, targeted the Treasury Benches for stealing his pri-

vate member's Bill moved in the last session on seeking charges from non-riparian states for water use.

Accusing Badal of failing to defend the rights of the state in the Supreme Court, Simarjit said giving these directions was "just politics at play".

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Madan Mohan Mittal proposed the resolution say-

EXECUTIVE BOUND TO OBEY HOUSE: SUKHBIR

“We'll assess the royalty the non-riparian states owe us. The executive is bound to obey the House. Land acquired for SYL canal has already been returned. Sukhbir Singh Badal, DEPUTY CM

HARYANA MAY APPROACH CENTRE

“We will not hesitate in seeking the Centre's intervention. Punjab had been defying the SC order. Subhash Barala, HARYANA BJP CHIEF

WHY SHOULD WE PAY UP: RAJASTHAN

“The resolution is one-sided. Why should Rajasthan pay royalty for its due share of riverwaters? Dr Ram Pratap, IRRIGATION MINISTER, RAJASTHAN

ing there had been instances where the state had demanded royalty and received it. Patiala, Nabha and Jind paid royalty till 1945-46 for using waters of the Sutlej, he said.

Bassi Pathana MLA Nirmal Singh said Rajasthan owed the state Rs 80,000 crore as royalty for using state waters.

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Won't share a drop of water, says Punjab Assembly

TAKING A STAND Passes two resolutions in House to stop sharing water with Haryana

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CHANDIGARH: The Punjab assembly on Wednesday passed two unanimous resolutions against sharing "even a drop of river water" with its neighbouring states, signalling a hardening of stand by the SAD-BJP government over the contentious Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal.

The assembly was convened for a special one-day session following a Supreme Court ruling last week that declared as "unconstitutional" a 2004 state law that scrapped all water-sharing arrangements with neighbouring states including Haryana.

The first resolution directed the state government not to "hand over land to any agency" and "not to allow anyone to work for the construction of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal".

The second said Punjab should demand payment from other states — Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi — for the river water supplied so far.

The resolutions were adopted in the absence of 42 Congress legislators who resigned last week.

With assembly polls due early next year, the issue is likely to emerge as a major poll plank for Opposition parties led by the Congress which blamed the Badal government of failing to protect the state's interests in the apex court.

Earlier in the day, 15 BJP

Whatever the resolutions passed by Punjab on the issue of Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, the central government as well as the President of India will be urged to take action on the issues concerning Haryana.

MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR,
chief minister of Haryana

legislators of Haryana — led by party's state chief Subhash Barala — met Punjab governor VP Singh Badnore and urged him not to approve any unconstitutional steps taken by the Punjab government. Haryana is a BJP-ruled state, while in Punjab, the party is an alliance partner of the ruling Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) since 2007.

At the heart of water dispute is the 212-km-long SYL canal, meant to transfer water from the two rivers to Haryana. It is among at least seven major water sharing wrangles between 10 Indian states.

Badal said in the Assembly, "The state government will do everything possible to stop water from flowing to Haryana. We will not implement the (Supreme) Court order at any cost; not a drop of water from Punjab will be given to anyone even if we have to go to jail."

BY INVITATION



CAPT AMARINDER SINGH

The Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal controversy has plunged to new lows of discussion and debate in the past few days, since the Supreme Court pronounced its much-awaited verdict on the issue, with all its explosive ramifications.

Some of the frequently asked questions are: How can Punjab refuse to give water to Haryana now that the apex court has stamped its approval on the SYL canal? Why is Punjab being so adamant on the issue? Isn't water a natural resource meant to be shared by all humanity? How can Punjab be so selfish and greedy?

But none of these questions really seeks to address the core issue at the heart of the problem faced by Punjab. And that core issue, unfortunately, was neither raised nor argued in the court even once all through the pendency of the case. The result is that the apex court ended up making conclusions on the presidential reference based neither on facts and ground realities nor on the basis of the country's Constitutional principles, but on an analysis of incomplete and insufficient information and data.

PUNJAB'S WATER DEMAND
Punjab's total water demand currently stands at over 50 MAF (million acre feet). As far as river allocation goes, the state's share is 14.33 MAF (this includes pre-1947 allocation of 1.98 MAF), of which 8.02 MAF is expected from Sutlej and another 4.33 MAF from Ravi and Beas rivers. These numbers may look impressive, but they actually represent a mere 40% of the total estimated water of the three rivers, which can meet only 28% of the state's total water demand.

The water table in the plains of north India is depleting fast. According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the agriculture output in states like Punjab and Haryana is on the verge of collapse.

Closer home, the water resources and environment directorate has revealed that the water level in Punjab has dipped in 80% of the state's total area. A spate of drought years, coupled with inadequate rainfall, has left the river canals that feed the bulk of Punjab's agricultural land high and dry, quite literally. Melting glaciers in the Himalayas due to climate change has worsened the situation.

With the canals drying up, farmers in Punjab are increasingly shifting to unregulated use of borewells, thereby further depleting subsoil water. In areas like Hoshiarpur and



■ Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal speaks at the special Assembly session in Chandigarh on Wednesday.

KESHAV SINGH/HT

Sardulgarh, the decline is more than 58 metres — a clear sign of the way things are going for Punjab on the water front.

SYL'S IMPLICATIONS

Experts say the moment the SYL starts flowing, around 9.75 lakh acres of Punjab's fertile land will be rendered barren, putting to risk the livelihood of 15 lakh families.

If Haryana is given 3.5 MAF water for its SYL network, several districts of Punjab, notably Bathinda, Ferozepur, Mansa and Faridkot, with their saline and toxic ground water, will become completely dry.

It is a situation crying for collective wisdom and proactive intervention, which, unfortunately, is conspicuous by its absence in poll-bound Punjab. But even as we fight our politi-

cal battles, let us not forget that the failure to address its water crisis in a timely manner could lead to disastrous consequences for Punjab.

NEED TO ADOPT RIPARIAN PRINCIPLES

Is there, then, no solution to the problem?

Of course, there are always the riparian principles of water sharing, recognised and applied across the world, that we can adopt to resolve the SYL issue and other water rows. Let us, for once, rise above our petty, vested interests and come together to save Punjab and the interests of its people.

Captain Amarinder Singh is the president of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee and former chief minister of the state.

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PUNJAB GOVT DENOTIFIES SYL CANAL LAND

PASSES 2 RESOLUTIONS IN SPL MEET

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Chandigarh, 16 November

The Parkash Singh Badal government appears to have adopted 'No land for Satluj Yamuna Canal (SYL) canal, no water-sharing with Haryana' formula to deny Haryana its share of water as per the recent Supreme Court (SC) verdict.

Less than a week after the SC ruled that Punjab reneged on its promise to share the waters of Ravi and Beas by unilaterally enacting the controversial Punjab Termination of Water Agreements Act, 2004, the state Cabinet has denotified the land acquired for SYL canal (meant for taking river water to Haryana) and claims to have even issued notification for transferring this land back to farmers.

In a specially convened Assembly session today, the House unanimously passed two resolutions on the SYL issue. The first resolution "directed the Punjab government and other officials to neither hand over any land of the state to any agency for the construction of SYL canal nor allow anyone to work on this project and give any sort of cooperation for this purpose in the larger public interest."

The resolution said Punjab has "legislative and executive right over the entire land, water supply, irrigation and canals, drains, pathways, water reservoirs and hydro electricity falling under its boundaries as per the entry number 14 and 18 of the state list of the 7th schedule of the Constitution of India".

The deputy chief minister, Sukhbir Singh Badal, said the Assembly's "historic direction" on SYL is the final verdict.

Asked if the denotification of canal land is violation of the SC stay in the matter, the deputy CM said the stay was applicable till the apex court on 10 November takes the decision on SYL case. "As of now, there is no court stay," Sukhbir said adding that even if they court gives a 'stay order' in the matter, it will mean the land will remain 'stay' with farmers.

Earlier moving the resolution, Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal today reiterated that the state does not have even a single drop of water to spare to Haryana.

"I would rather shed every drop of my blood than allow even a single drop of water to flow out of my state in defiance of Riparian Principle," he said. The CM said river water was the only natural resource available in the state and Punjab has every right over it.

The second resolution stated, while there is no question of sharing water with non-Riparian states, the state will press for securing the cost of the river water given to Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi till date. The House recommended the state government to immediately take up the matter with the Central government.

Deputy chief minister Sukhbir Singh Badal said the state finance department will soon workout the amount to be demanded for water shared.

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'Badal's spl meet illogical'

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Chandigarh, 16 November

Terming Parkash Singh Badal government's move to hold a special Assembly session on Satluj Yamuna Link (SYL) issue as "a ridicule and illogical", the Punjab Congress today flayed the Badal government's refusal to acknowledge that the state had no surplus water to 'either buy or sell.'

He pointed out that the state was itself facing such acute water scarcity that the question of sharing water did not arise. "But for some inexplicable reason, the Akali government's resolution (passed in the Assembly) is completely silent on this key issue," he said.

The Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC)

Leader pointed out that all pre-independence precedents, as cited in the resolution, had been overruled by the Act of 1955, which categorically laid down that all water sharing would be free of cost. "Since that was a Central legislation, you would need to take the Centre's permission before trying to negate it," said Capt, asking Badal if he had taken the Central government's consent before resorting to such a measure.

Capt also urged the Central government's intervention in the matter and asked it to present the real facts of the case before the Supreme Court to enable it to reach a logical conclusion, based on the ground realities. And the reality, he said, was that Punjab simply did not have surplus water.

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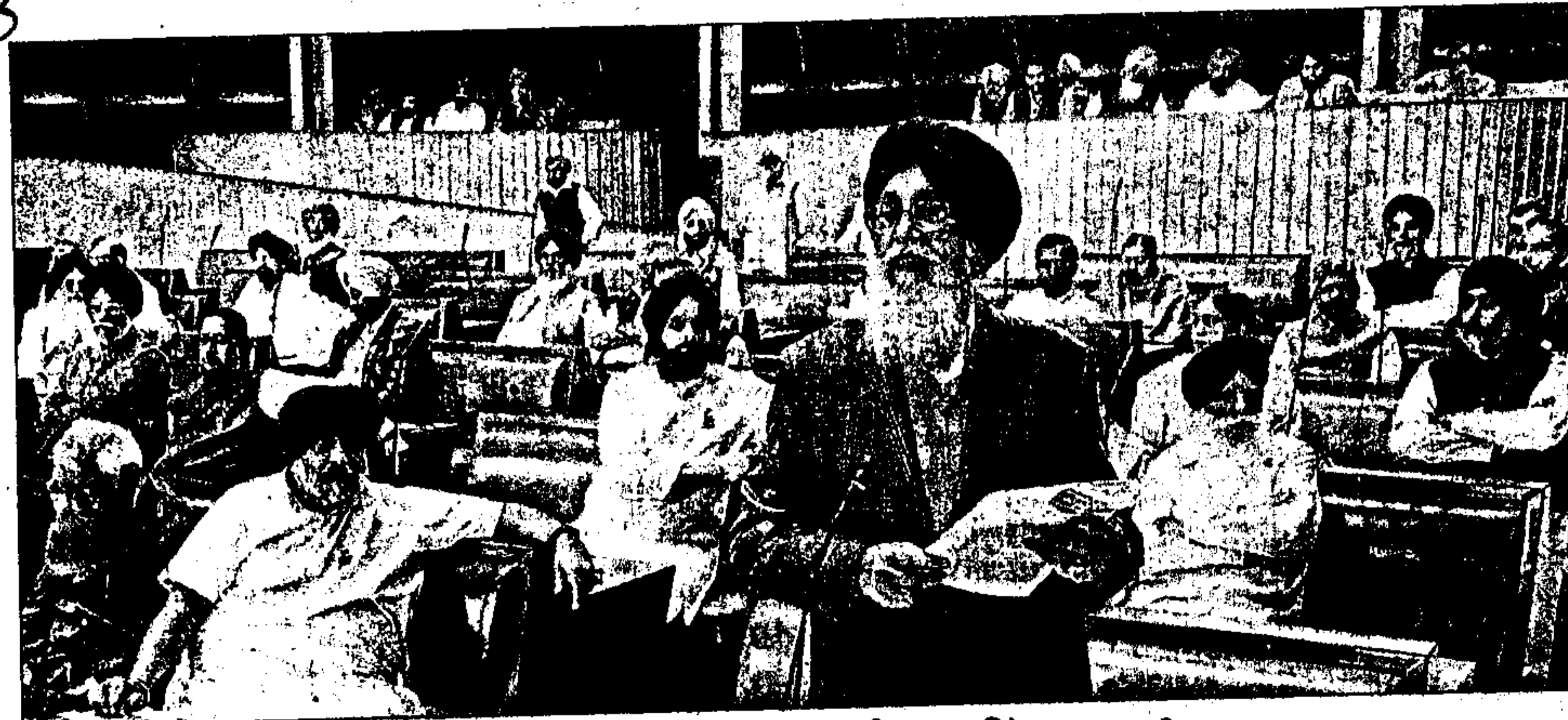
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चंडीगढ़ | एजेंडिया

■ सतलुज-यमुना लिंक नहर (एसवाईएल) मुद्दे पर आने वाले दिनों में पंजाब और हरियाणा में संघर्ष और बढ़ने के पूरे आसार हैं।

■ इसी की कड़ी में पंजाब ने हरियाणा और राजस्थान को दिए जाने वाले पानी पर रॉयल्टी लगाने का प्रस्ताव पेश किया, साथ एसवाईएल के खिलाफ भी प्रस्ताव रखा गया। इससे जुड़े प्रस्ताव को राज्य सरकार ने बुधवार को विधानसभा में पेश किया। पंजाब के संसदीय मामलों के



चंडीगढ़ में बुधवार को पंजाब विधानसभा के विशेष सत्र में बोलते मुख्यमंत्री प्रकाश सिंह बादल। • हिन्दुस्तान

मंत्री एवं भाजपा विधायक मदन मोहन मित्तल ने सदन में यह प्रस्ताव पेश किया। इसका शिरोमणि अकाली दल के निर्मल सिंह ने समर्थन किया। मित्तल ने राज्य के

जल संबंधी मामलों पर चर्चा के लिए बुलाए गए विधानसभा के विशेष सत्र में कहा, रॉयल्टी हमारा कानूनी एवं स्थापित अधिकार है। उन्होंने हरियाणा और

राजस्थान को होने वाली जलापूर्ति पर रॉयल्टी वसूलने के प्रस्ताव केंद्र को भेजने से पहले विधानसभा में मंजूरी के लिए पेश किया।

विधानसभा में नहर के खिलाफ प्रस्ताव

मुख्यमंत्री प्रकाश सिंह बादल ने सदन में एसवाईएल के खिलाफ प्रस्ताव पेश किया। इस मौके पर उन्होंने कहा, पंजाब के लोगों के हित में, सदन एकमत से राज्य सरकार को, कैबिनेट और सभी सरकारी अधिकारियों को निर्देश दे कि वे एसवाईएल नहर बनाने के लिए राज्य की भूमि को नहीं सौंपे और न ही किसी को इस पर काम करने दें और न इस मकसद से किसी का सहयोग करें।

क्या है मामला

पंजाब और हरियाणा के विभाजन के वक्त 1966 में सतलुज नदी और यमुना नदी को नहर से जोड़ने की योजना बनी थी। लेकिन 2004 में पंजाब ने एकतरफा कार्यवाही करते हुए इस समझौते को रद्द कर दिया। हाल में सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने पंजाब के इस कदम को अंसंवैधानिक करार दे दिया है।

कांग्रेस नदारद रही

कांग्रेस के विधायक सदन से नदारद थे क्योंकि पार्टी के सभी 42 विधायकों ने सुप्रीम कोर्ट में एसवाईएल के मामले में पंजाब के खिलाफ आए फैसले के बाद विधानसभा से इस्तीफा दे चुके हैं। मुख्यमंत्री बादल ने हालांकि, इस मुद्दे पर सभी दलों से एकजुट होने की अपील की है। वहीं उपमुख्यमंत्री सुखबीर सिंह बादल ने आरोप लगाया है कि कांग्रेस इससे दूर भाग रही है।

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बीकानेर. पंजाब विधानसभा की ओर से प्रस्ताव पारित होने के बाद अब पंजाब की ओर से राजस्थान को इसका बिल भेजा जाएगा। प्रारम्भिक अनुमान के मुताबिक राजस्थान से गत पचास साल का रॉयल्टी पेटे 80 हजार करोड़ रुपए पंजाब देने की मांग करेगा। पंजाब ने कहा कि हरियाणा और राजस्थान को 1 नवंबर 1966 से दिए गए पानी के लिए रॉयल्टी ली जाएगी।

फैसले पर कायम रहते हुए इस सत्र में नहीं शामिल हुए। इसके बाद सदन की कार्यवाही अनिश्चितकाल के लिए स्थगित कर दी गई।

राजस्थान का जल पर अधिकार नहीं-बादल

इससे पहले पंजाब के मुख्यमंत्री प्रकाश सिंह बादल ने विधानसभा में कहा कि रिपेरियन सिद्धांत के अनुसार राजस्थान का तो रावी-ब्यास नदी जल में कोई हक नहीं

हरियाणा...

उन्होंने कहा कि विपक्षी दलों पर कटाक्ष करते हुए कहा कि यह लड़ाई बयानों के बजाय पूरे पंजाब की एकजुटता से लड़ी जानी चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि पंजाब को पानी कुदरत ने दिया है किसी सरकार ने नहीं।

एसवाईएल के निर्माण से संबंधित अध्याय बंद - सुखवीर : उपमुख्यमंत्री सुखवीर बादल ने सदन के बाहर पत्रकारों से बातचीत में कहा कि अब नदी जल बंटवारे और सम्पर्क नहर के

पंजाब के इस बिल से हमारा कोई लेना-देना नहीं है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट वर्ष 2004 में पंजाब ने टर्मिनेशन ऑफ एग्रीमेंट एक्ट को कोर्ट रद्द कर चुका है। एक तरफ पंजाब सरकार कुछ भी थोपना चाहे उसका कोई मतलब नहीं है।

डॉ. रामप्रताप, सिंचाई मंत्री, राज.

बनता है। बादल ने गैर रिपेरियन राज्यों से पानी की कीमत वसूल करने व सम्पर्क नहर के निर्माण के लिए भूमि न देने के प्रस्तावों पर चर्चा के दौरान कहा कि सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने जल बंटवारे पर जो सलाह राष्ट्रपति को दी है उससे पंजाब के सामने संकट खड़ा हो गया है। इस नाजुक घड़ी में थोड़ी भी गलती से बड़ा नुकसान हो सकता है।

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नहर के लिए कोई भूमि नहीं देगा पंजाब

शर्मा, एजेंसी/चंडीगढ़

लुज-यमुना सम्पर्क (वाईएल) नहर मसले पर उच्चतम न्यायालय के फैसले के बाद आहत पंजाब विधानसभा में कई महत्वपूर्ण प्रस्तावों में कोई नहर निर्माण के लिए राज्य कोई भूमि नहीं देने, राजस्थान, गुजरात और दिल्ली को दिए जाने वाले पानी की कीमत वसूलने के फैसले के साथ पंजाब के सभी कर्मचारियों और कर्मचारियों को निर्देश दिए कि एसवाईएल के निर्माण से सम्बन्धित किसी भी कार्य में सहयोग न करें।

एसवाईएल मामले पर बुलाये गये विधान सभा के एक दिवसीय विशेष सत्र में संसदीय मंत्री मदन

पानी की कीमत वसूलेगी

विधानसभा ने दिए राज्य के अधिकारियों-कर्मचारियों से नहर निर्माण संबंधी किसी भी कार्य में सहयोग न करने के निर्देश

मोहन मित्तल ने प्रस्ताव पेश करते हुये कहा कि पंजाब के नदी जल पर पंजाब का ही हक है। पानी पर मालिकाना हक ब्रिटिश राज में 1945-46 तक लिया जाता था।

पटियाला, नाभा और जींद रियासतें पानी की कीमत देती रहीं। इससे पहले भी 1873 में बीकानेर के महाराजा गंगा सिंह के आग्रह



पर पंजाब को पानी की कीमत दी जाती रही।

पानी पर रायल्टी: हरियाणा, दिल्ली और राजस्थान को दिए जाने वाले पानी पर रायल्टी लगाने के संसदीय मामलों के मंत्री मदन मोहन मित्तल (भाजपा) के प्रस्ताव का समर्थन शिरोमणि अकाली दल के निर्मल सिंह ने किया। मित्तल ने

कही, "रायल्टी हमारा कानूनी एवं स्थापित अधिकार है।" कांग्रेस के विधायक सदन से नदारद थे क्योंकि इस पार्टी के सभी 42 विधायकों ने शीर्ष अदालत के फैसले के बाद विधान सभा की सदस्यता से इस्तीफा दे दिया था।

मुख्यमंत्री बादल ने सभी दलों से एसवाईएल मुद्दे पर एकजुट रहने का अनुरोध किया है। हालांकि उनके बेटे और उपमुख्यमंत्री सुखबीर सिंह बादल ने कहा कि कांग्रेस इससे दूर भाग रही है। पंजाब कैबिनेट ने कल यह घोषणा की थी कि वह परियोजना के लिए अधिग्रहित जमीन को अधिसूचना के दायरे से बाहर कर देंगे और इसे इसके 'मूल मालिकों' को बिना

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पंजाब चुनावों के लिए 69 अकाली प्रत्याशी घोषित

चंडीगढ़, (भाषा): शिरोमणि अकाली दल के अध्यक्ष और पंजाब के उप मुख्यमंत्री सुखबीर सिंह बादल ने आज 2017 के विधानसभा चुनावों के लिए पार्टी के 69 उम्मीदवारों की पहली सूची जारी की और कहा कि दूसरी सूची भी जल्द जारी की जाएगी। सुखबीर ने सूची जारी करते हुए कहा कि सभी कैबिनेट मंत्री अपने अपने विधानसभा क्षेत्रों से चुनाव लड़ेंगे। केवल परमिंदर सिंह ढोंढसा सुनाम

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