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Mahanadi reference handed over to tribunal chief

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The Centre on Tuesday handed over reference of the Mahanadi water dispute to the chairman of MahanadiWater Disputes Tribunal, Justice A M Khanwilkar. The Tribunal was constituted on 12 March appointing Justice Khanwilkar as chairman and Justice Ravi Ranjan and Justice Indermeet Kaur Kochhar as its members.

The Secretary Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, U P Singh, on Tuesday met the chairman and discussed the issue in detail. Singh briefed the chairman about the profile of Mahanadi river, development of water resource projects by various states and dispute in sharing of its waters.

UP Singh told the chairman that the Union government is taking necessary steps for early functioning of the Tribunal and sought his guidance on the road-map for resolving the Mahanadi dispute. He handed over reference of Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal under Section 5 (1) of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act (ISRWD), 1956, to the chairman.

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Monsoon cheer 18 AP

Need to conserve the manna from heaven

In our predominantly agrarian economy and with the farm sector still majorly dependent on the weather gods, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast of the monsoon forms the basis of glee or gloom, for a lot rides on it. So, when on Monday the IMD predicted a normal monsoon — 97 per cent of the long period (50 years) average of 89 cm — it rained cheer on the farmers, even as the prospect of a good crop promises a ripple effect on the related beneficiaries down the line. After all, the monsoon showers account for 70 per cent of the country's rainfall and affect major crops such as wheat, rice, sugarcane and oilseeds. In turn, the more than 50 per cent of our population engaged in agriculture and related activities, very much drive consumer behaviour and food inflation.

However, given the variance in the forecast and the actual rainfall in the past years, there is need for more precise indications on how the downpour would be distributed geographically and when exactly it would reach each farm so that the cultivators may plan their sowing and furrowing accordingly. Given our large area and the unpredictable El Nino and La Nina, it is a tall order. But in a watershed moment, the Ministry of Earth Sciences, from this year, is experimenting with an improved forecast system: the IMD is likely to issue fortnightly forecasts of the monsoon's arrival in states, after it makes a fall over Kerala. A 15-day lead will definitely benefit the farmers who have till now, been contending with an erratic five-day heads-up as the rains travel northwards from Kerala.

Along with this, what is of utmost importance is adopting better rain-harvesting and water conservation techniques. With the dark clouds of climate change and groundwater depletion ominously looming large over the world, every drop from the heavens is manna. It has to be used judiciously. A good start would be to ponder on this water-guzzling figure from last year's Economic Survey: Although water is one of India's most scarce natural resources, India uses two to four times more water to produce a unit of major food crop than does China and Brazil.

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Untreated sewage takes toll on river waters

Of 87 STPs, only 15 meet standards; 99 cities discharge waste into water bodies

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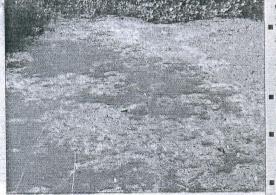
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The state has failed miserably to protect and maintain the quality of its river waters with untreated sewage finding its way into the water bodies. Ludhiana continues to be the major defaulter.

The paucity of funds is a major impediment in setting up sewage treatment plants (STPs) and their effective working. As a result, most civic bodies continue to discharge untreated waste directly into the rivers.

At present, 87 STPs are operational in 67 cities of the state and only 15 meet the water quality norms after treatment primarily due to limited funds to run these STPs.

As per records obtained from the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), a majority of the 87 STPs are not functioning due to the shortage of



Sutlei polluted with chemicals in Ferozepur. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

funds with the Local Bodies Department, while many are unable to meet the set norms due to poor upkeep.

It is further revealed that 99 cities are vet to set up an STP. The major cities that are polluting water channels include Jalandhar, Amritsar, Zirakpur, Mohali and Ludhiana, where only two out of five STPs meet water quality target.

Kahan Singh Pannu, Chairman, PPCB, said: "The monitoring of major rivers in the state indicates that domestic sewage continues to be the single largest source of pollution and if left untreated,

could choke the river flow. Water samples drawn from the Sutlei, Beas, Ravi and Ghaggar at certain stations, confirm to Class E as per environmental norms."

"Though the quality of water along maximum stretches of the rivers confirms to Class B or C (fit for

Water quality index

■ The recent water quality assessment report prepared by the state government confirms that none of the state rivers has A category of water

■ The Sutlej has E category at its entry point near Nangal. It reaches C at Hussainiwala

■ The Beas has B category near Talwara, It manages marginally to stay in the same level near its exit point at Harike

■ The Ravi too has B category at Madhopura

drinking only after treatment and disinfection), pollution owing to untreated sewage flowing into the rivers is on the rise," Pannu said, adding that their periodic board sends reminders and holds hearings on the matter. "In most cases, the officials concerned express helplessness due to shortage of funds," Pannu said.

Last year, Local Bodies Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu had ordered a departmental inquiry into three sub-standard and incomplete STPs in Bholath, the constituency of AAP MLA and Leader of Opposition Sukhpal Singh Khaira.

He had made announcement during in the Vidhan Sabha in November. Khaira had demanded a Vigilance inquiry, alleging substandard work of a majority of STPs.

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भोपाल. नर्मदा जल को लेकर गजरात के बढते दबाव के बीच प्रदेश सरकार ने वर्ष 2024 तक इसके उपयोग के नए फॉर्मले को मंजूरी दे दी है। मध्यप्रदेश इससे दो साल पहले 2022 तक अपने हिस्से के पानी का उपयोग कर नर्मदा ट्रिब्यनल में दावा पेश करेगा। सरकार का मानना है कि गुजरात विवाद और गहरा सकता है। नए फॉर्मले के तहत नर्मदा पर बने तीन बांधों और तवा बांध की स्टोरेज कैपेसिटी के आधार लिफ्टिंग प्रक्रिया अपनाई जाएगी।

यह है प्लान

नर्मदा पर बने इंदिरा सागर, ओंकारेश्वर और बरगी बांध सहित तवा बांध में ही परी क्षमता तक पानी को रोका जाए। इसे लिफ्ट करके दसरी जंगह लाया जाए। यह नर्मदा कछार के आस-पास का 20 लाख हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र रहेगा। नए फॉर्मले के तहत २०२४ तक ६४००० करोड रुपए खर्च होंगे। सरकार का मानना है इस पैटर्न से 2022 तक प्रा पानी इस्तेमाल हो जाएगा। नए फॉर्मले से तीन साल में 20 लाख हेक्ट्रेयर सिंचार्ड का लक्ष्य रखा है। अभी नर्मदा में 7.50 लाख हेक्ट्रेयर सिंचाई हो रही है। बांघों से बन रही 2400 मेगावाट बिजली में से 500 मेगावाट बांधों से वाटर लिपट करने के लिए रिजर्व की जाएगी।



बाध बनाते तो यह होता

्सा नकारों का कहना है कि 2024 तक नर्मदा जल का उपयोग करने के लिए बांध बनाने के फॉर्मले पर काम होता तो करीब पांच बांघ बनाना पडते। इनमें करीब 15 साल

लग जाते। इन पर 12 से 15 हजार करोड रुपए खर्च होते। इसके अलावा छोटे बांघ भी बनाना पडता। इनसे करीब १५ हजार परिवार विस्थापित होते। इनके पुनर्वास पर खर्च होता।

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हम वर्ष-2022 तक ही अपने हिस्से के पानी का पुरा उपयोग कर लेंगे। वर्ष-2024 के पहले ही इसका दावां भी पेश करने की स्थिति में आ जाएंगे। इसके लिए नर्ड कार्ययोजना बनी है।

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मख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी ने मुख्य सचिव को स्थित का जायजा लेने और तूफान से हुए नुकसान तथा मौतों पर रिपोर्ट तैयार करने का निर्देश दिया है

कोलकाता, (भाषा): पश्चिम बंगाल में कोलकाता और अन्य जिलों ामें आए तुफान में 15 लोगों की मौत हो गई और 50 अन्य घायल हो गए। पुलिस ने बताया कि कल आए तूफान में सात लोगों की मौत कोलकाता में , छह की हावड़ा जिले में और एक - एक की बांकुरा और हुगली जिले में हुई। पुलिस ने बताया कि दीवार ढहने , पेड़ उखड़ने और करंट लगने



की घटनाओं में करीब 50 लोग घायल हो गए। मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी ने मुख्य सचिव को स्थिति का जायजा लेने और तूफान से हुए नुकसान तथा मौतों पर रिपोर्ट तैयार करने का निर्देश दिया है। राज्य सचिवालय के अधिकारियों ने बताया कि आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग को प्रभावित जिलों में दलों को भेजने के लिए कहा गया है। News item/letter/article/editorial published on

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मौसम बदलेगा बारिश के आसार से १८ की मौत

लखनक। उत्तर प्रदेश का मौसम एक बार फिर करवट बदलने की तैयारी में है। मौसम विभाग ने गुरुवार 19 अप्रैल से शनिवार 21 अप्रैल के बीच प्रदेश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में धुल भरी आंधी चलने और गरज-चमक के साथ छिटपुट बारिश के आसार जताए हैं। गुरुवार 19 अप्रैल को पूर्वी-पश्चिमी अंचलों में तेज रफ्तार आंधी की भी संभावना है।(विसं)

बंगाल में तूफान

तुफान में 18 लोगों की मौत हो गई और 50 अन्य घायल हो गए। मंगलवार शाम 7:42 बजे 98 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से आए तुफान से 26 स्थानों पर 200 से अधिक पेड़ उखड़ गए। सरकार तूफान से प्रभावित लोगों को मुआवजा प्रदान देगी।

कोलकाता। पश्चिम बंगाल में कोलकाता और अन्य जिलों में आए