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केंद्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्री उमा भारती ने कहा

नई दिल्ली. केंद्रीय जल संसाधन नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री उमा भारती ने नदियों के अतिरिक्त जल की परिभाषा अंतिम रूप से तय करने की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया है। यहां नदी जोड़ो परियोजना से संबंधित विशेष समिति की दसवीं बैठक की अध्यक्षता करते हुए भारती ने कहा कि सभी राज्यों की सहमित से यह परिभाषा तय किया जाना जरूरी है। जब तक यह नहीं हो जाता तब तक निदयों के अतिरिक्त जल का मुद्दा उठता ही रहेगा। भारती ने कहा कि इस काम के लिए देश की कृषि योग्य भूमि, सिंचाई के लिए उपलब्ध भूमि, गैर सिंचित भूमि, कृषि पैदावार और उस पैदावार के लिए बाजार समेत सभी तथ्यों का आकलन जरूरी है। केंद्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्री ने कहा कि जानकारी जुटाने के बाद उनका मंत्रालय सभी राज्यों के साथ व्यापक विमर्श करने के बाद इस मुद्दे पर अंतिम निर्णय लेगा। जानकारी एकत्र किए जाने के बाद एक जल मंथन का भी आयोजन किया जाएगा, जिसमें जल से संबंधित सभी विशेषज्ञ अपनी राय रखेंगे। समिति की बैठक में बिहार के जल संसाधन मंत्री राजीव रंजन सिंह ने नेपाल से राज्य में प्रवेश करने वाली निदयों में आने वाली बाढ़ का मुद्दा उठाया।

Auto and taxi strike hans Gapital

STUCK IN DELHI Commuters left stranded as even app-based cabs were in short supply in the city

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NEW DELHI: Commuters had a harrowing time on Tuesday as 85,000 autos and 18,000 taxis went off road following an indefinite strike called by their unions. Even app-based cabs were not available as the strike led to a huge demand. The auto and taxi drivers have declared an indefinite strike against the app-based taxi services.

"I waited for an auto for around 15 minutes and then got the information about the strike and headed to catch the bus. But on reaching Delhi Cantonment, near Sadar Bazar, the bus broke down and I was stranded. Finally, I booked a cab and reached office," said Sugandha Sharma, a resident of Janakpuri.

The auto strike was made worse in parts of the city due to the rain and the resultant DTC bus breakdowns. The Delhi Traffic Police received complaints of 86 breakdowns on Tuesday.

Delhi transport minister Satyendar Jain termed the strike a BJP-sponsored protest.

"This strike is being managed by people from BJP. It is a BJP-sponsored strike and we have already written to Delhi Police asking them to take action against any rowdy elements. Only 2% to 4% auto drivers are on strike," said Jain.

Jain said that shutting down the app-based services was not in the government's hand.

Reacting to the charge, leader of opposition, Vijender Gupta said chief minister Arvind Kejriwal should stop politics and do something about the strike.

"Citizens are suffering due to the strike during heavy rainy season. The strike has endangered safety of lakhs of students and women," Gupta said.

Twenty unions have come together and formed a Joint Action Committee to enforce the strike.



* People wade through a waterlogged road in East Delhi's Ganesh Nagar on Tuesday.

RAJ K RAJ/HT PHOTO

MORE RAIN LIKELY TODAY

NEW DELHI: Heavy rain in several parts of the city on Tuesday stalled traffic but brought respite from the heat. More rain is expected on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, central Delhi received lesser rain – 6.4 mm in Safdarjung – other parts of the city saw more.

The maximum and minimum temperatures were recorded as 35.8 degrees Celsius and 28.6 degrees Celsius, both a degree above normal.

Delhi has so far seen 7% deficient rains between June 1 and July 26. About 246 mm of rainfall is considered to be normal till this time but the city has received 223.3 mm rainfall so far.

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WHERE DELHI DROWNED



If you are out on the road where movement is affected because of waterlogging, this is where you can find help:

CONTACT NUMBERS
North MCD
1266, 011-23220010,

East MCD **155303**

South MCD 1266, 011-23220006

Delhi Government 1077

To file complaints regarding traffic **011-25844444**

Commuters stranded across city as rain turns roads into puddles

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NEW DELHI: Light showers on Tuesday once again led to waterlogging and traffic jams across the national capital.

Residents and commuters complained that while the rain led to puddles and waterlogging, leaving a large part of the roads unusable, they feared repetition of last week's mayhem in the coming days.

The Delhi Traffic Police issued 74 Twitter and Facebook alerts through the day. Commuters were alerted through the mobile application.

Sushil K Dutt tweeted to the traf-

fic police handle, "Huge traffic jam and the Hamdard Kalkaji stretch, half the road under water."

The rain left many stranded in jams. Heavy rain had caused massive waterlogging last week.

Long snarls were reported from Moolchand flyover (towards Ashram), Vayusenabad, from Rajdhani Park Metro station towards Mundka Metro station, Badarpur border flyover, Savitri Cinema flyover, Ganesh Nagar to Nirman Vihar.

Delhi Traffic Police helpline received complaints of vehicles getting stuck in potholes on roads around Shahdara, Patel Nagar metro bridge and Nand Nagari Depot.

"... Our main aim was to keep the commuters informed of the jams across the city so that they can plan their journeys accordingly," a traffic official said.

Lack of de-silting of drains is one of the major reasons behind waterlogging on city roads.

Civic agencies had claimed that they had completed the desilting of drains a week before monsoon arrived and introduced a helpline system to tackle issues related to waterlogging.

The rain, which continued periodically throughout the day, kept the waterlogging helpline busy, with the municipal corporations receiving close to 30 complaints from across Delhi.

Consultations seek the 'correct picture' on upper Ganga dams



EXPRESS EDITORS INTERPRET

TO DAM or not to dam? That was the question asked by the Supreme Court soon after floods and landslides devastated Uttarakhand in 2013. The Environment Ministry set up an expert committee, and subsequently told the court in December 2014 that dams had exacerbated the 2013 disaster.

A year and a half later, the Ministry of Water Resources in an affidavit last month also opposed construction of any more dams on the Ganga and its tributaries in Uttarakhand. This consensus should have settled the issue. But the Environment Ministry had, meanwhile, changed its 2014 position.

So, two days ahead of the crucial hearing scheduled in the Supreme Court on July 13, counsel for the Union of India wrote to the Court Registrar and sought "an adjournment by 12 weeks to enable the Government of India to carry out inter-ministerial consultations for arriving at a common policy framework as the matter involves three ministries". The third Ministry being Power.

Consequently, the case was not listed for hearing on July 13.

By all indications, "arriving at a common policy framework" seems like a laboured euphemism for what is likely to be a three-month effort at justifying a foregone conclusion in favour of more hydel projects in Uttarakhand.

Soon after it criticised dams in December 2014, the Environment Ministry was told at a meeting held at the Prime Minister's Office in January 2015 that it was "necessary to place the correct picture regarding the critical need

of the projects in Uttarakhand for green power and for livelihoods before the court".

The PMO also set a one-month deadline for the Environment Ministry to finalise the dearance norms for the dams in coordination with the Power Ministry and the Uttarakhand government.

So, in February 2015, the Environment Ministry contradicted its second expert panel's recommendations by telling the Supreme Court that the six hydel projects — which were earlier struck down by the apex court in the aftermath of the 2013 disaster — were "worthy of clearance". To justify the volteface, the Ministry set up yet another expert panel in June.

Around this time, Minister for Water Resources Uma Bharti joined the fray and asked the Central Water Commission to oppose the construction of new dams, as the existing ones were already a challenge to the ongoing river cleaning mission.

To bridge differences, an inter-ministerial group (IMG) was formed in November 2015 with the Ministers of Environment, Water Resources and Power as its members. If the brief was to build a consensus in favour of the "correct picture" suggested by the PMO, Bharti didn't oblige.

In an email to then Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar on January 5, 2016 — the day the Environment Ministry shared its draft affidavit with other IMG members — Bharti pointed out that she was "unable to understand how the policy decision of the government as stated in the draft affidavit was arrived (at)" because an inter-ministerial committee under the Secretary, Water Resources, was yet to file its report.

Disregarding Bharti's objections, the Environment Ministry, however, went ahead and submitted its affidavit before the Supreme Court, recommending five of the six stalled projects. Further, referring to a consensus on the Ganga's water requirement arrived at a conference held in Haridwar in 1916, the affidavit proposed to clear any hydel project that did not take the natural flow of the river below 1,000 cusecs.

However, based on media reports of Bharti's objections that were brought to its notice, the apex court asked both Power and Water Resources to file their own affidavits. In May, the Power Ministry obliged, backing the Environment Ministry's January 2016 affidavit in favour of hydel projects.

In its affidavit submitted last month, the Water Resources Ministry, however, referred to the recommendations of various expert committees set up by the Environment Ministry in the past to conclude that "any further projects will have a substantial impact... leading to severe damage for the fresh water resources base" and "if the origin of the Ganga is compromised, then the rejuvenation of the river will be impossible".

Underlining the need to review clearances accorded to various hydel projects, the affidavit asked for a cumulative study "of all the projects for assessing the cascade formation as well as the natural flow of the river". It also cautioned that the "region around these projects is located in the geologically unstable and seismically active area" and any mishap "will have a devastating effect on the people, flora and fauna and on the entire eco-system".

These concerns echo the conclusions

drawn by the Environment Ministry in its affidavit filed on December 5, 2014: "...Large & small hydro power projects on the Ganga & her tributaries all over the Himalayas are a threat to the aviral dhara of the Ganga. The absence of this is leading to a serious threat to the biodiversity of the Himalayan ecology... anthropogenic activities (have) also led to massive over-exploitation of the local environment, thereby loosening the top soil and making the region susceptible to landslides and flash floods."

It seems odd that the government should be caught trying to bypass the collective wisdom and scientific insights of its own expert committees that formed the basis of two affidavits, filed 17 months apart by two different Ministries, but were united in their recommendations. Minister Bharti would be counting on the new incumbent in the Environment Ministry, Anil Madhav Dave, her former aide from Madhya Pradesh and fellow river conservationist, to back her through the "inter-ministerial consultation".

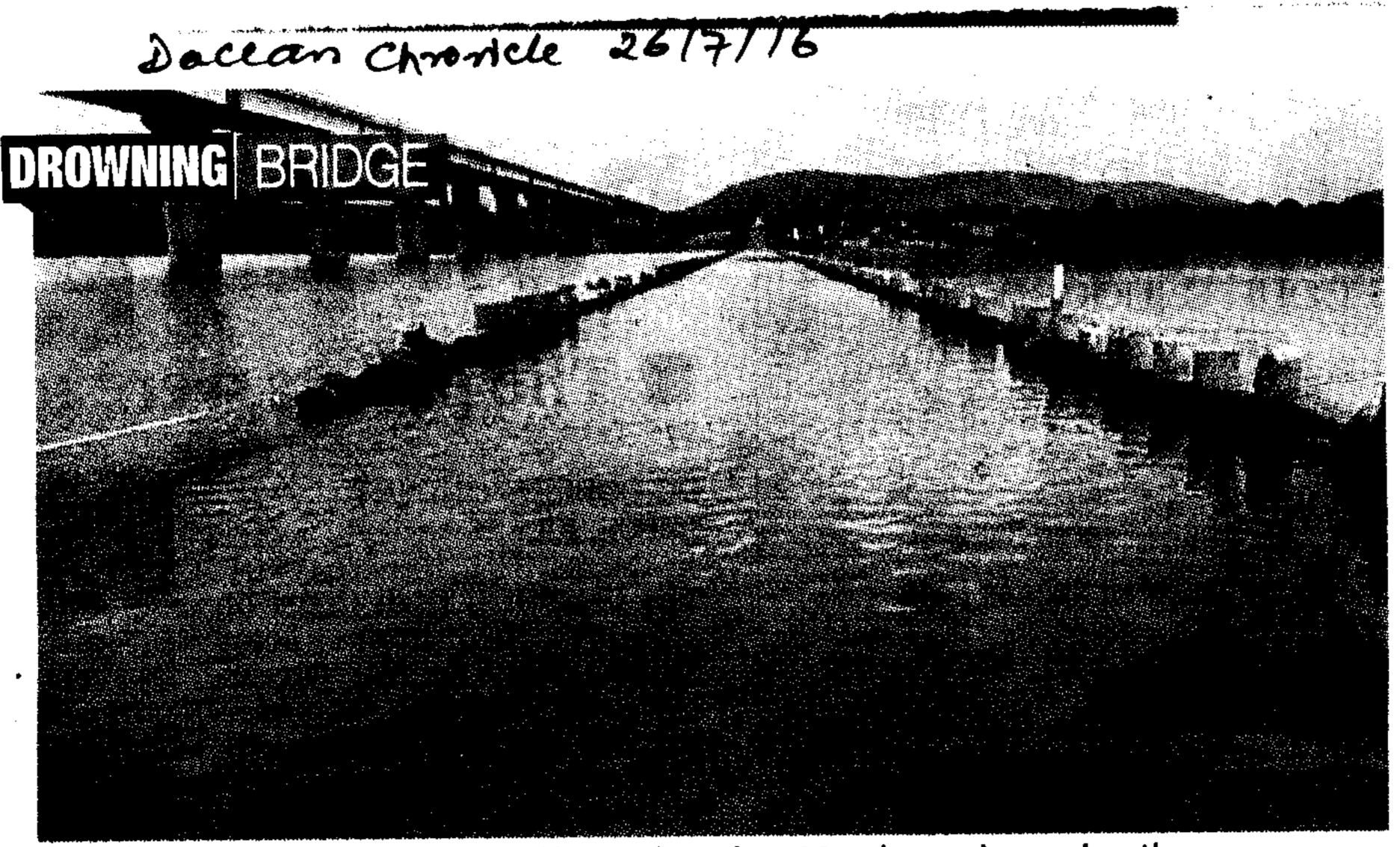
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Water level has risen further in the Godavari on Monday, submerging the Rayapatnam bridge, which connects Karimnagar and Adilabad. Officials have stopped vehicles from plying on this old bridge and has diverted them to a new bridge. Police deployed securitymen at both ends of the bridge and has evacuated familes whose houses got submerged in the flood.

स, नई दिल्ली : दिल्ली में मंगलवार को मॉनसून के बादल खुलकर बस्से। इससे मौसम सुहावना हो गया। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों के मुताबिक, 1 अगस्त तक दिल्ली और आसपास के इलाकों में अच्छी बारिश होने की संभावना है। मैक्सिमम टेम्परेचर 31 से 32 डिग्री तक रह सकता है। राजधानी में 26 जुलाई रह सकते हैं। कई जगहों पर बारिश की सुबह 8.30 बजे तक 233.2 मिमी दर्ज संभावना है। इस दौरान मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर हुई है। मंगलवार को सुबह मौसम साफ 33 डिग्री और मिनिमम 27 डिग्री रह था। लेकिन दोपहर 1:30 बजे तक मौसम सकता है। मंगलवार को बारिश के बाद में बदलाव हुआ और कई इलाकों में तेज मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से एक डिग्री



बारिश शुरू हो गई। आज भी बादल छाए ज्यादा के साथ 35.8 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ।

KAZIRANGA CAUGHT BETWEEN HIGH WATER AND HELLISH HIGHWAY



Floodwaters have submerged large swathes of the Kaziranga National Park in Assam, sending animals scrambling for safe terrain. The picture on the left shows a forest guard regulating traffic on National Highway 37 at Kaziranga to allow deer to flee the flooded park and cross over to the hills of Karbi Anglong on Monday. At least 50 deer taking refuge



on the highway have died after being hit by speeding vehicles. The picture on the right shows deer trying to swim to safety on Sunday. On Monday, the carcass of a rhino was found in the water at Kaziranga's Agoratoli range. Many animals, especially hog deer, have been rescued and shifted to a rehabilitation centre. Pictures credit: Wildlife Trust of India

Rains hit tea output

OUR BUREAU & PTI

Calcutta, July 25: Heavy rains in north Bengal and Assam have damaged the tea crop, with many gardens washed away by flood.

"The situation in north Bengal is very bad because of incessant rains for the last several days with many bushes under water," Sujit Patra, joint secretary of the Indian Tea Association (ITA), said.

"The tea industry both in Assam and Bengal is foreseeing grim days ahead, faced with the onslaught of natural calamities resulting in lesser crops," P.K.Bhattacharjee, secretary-general of the Tea Association of India (TAI), said.

Andrew Yule, Goodricke and Luxmi Tea are among those with gardens in Bengal.

Sunil Munshi, chairman

GROUND REALITY

- Assam and north Bengal hit by heavy rainfall
- Large portion of tea bearing land under water
- Production in Assam had dipped 11% to 31 million kg in April because of rains
- In Darjeeling, April output fell 28% because of dry weather in May

and managing director of Andrew Yule, said two of its gardens — Banerhaat and Karaballa — were 35 inches under water.

"The rains have caused huge damage not only to the crop, but also to labour lines," Munshi added.

Arun Singh, CEO and MD of Goodricke, said, "The situa-

tion in north Bengal is grave. Flood water has entered the gardens and workers' colony."

According to the ITA, the river bed has risen because of silting and lack of dredging.

Further, rainwater from Bhutan flowing down through Dooars are depositing huge amounts of dolomite, making the soil unsuitable for plantation.

"River embankment of Leesh river has eroded 3 hectares of land. Help has been sought from the West Bengal government," Patra said.

Last year, production in north Bengal, except Darjeeling, was around 315 million kg. Patra said this time, the crop would be much lower.

The TAI said the districts of Jorhat, Golaghat and Shivsagar received double the rainfall than last year.

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Rain has wrought perilupon this Pune village

Umesh Isalkar & Sarang Dastane | TNN

downpours has completely altered farming in Malin village in Pune district, and made daily life a precarious affair.

Once, rain was a consistent pitter-patter on the roof over several months, says Sanjaykumar Zanjare, an eight-generation farmer here. Now it is more likely to be heavy spells of incessant rain within a span of a few days or weeks.

This month, there was heavy rainfall for two days and there have been hardly any showers for the last seven to eight days, said Zanjare who has a degree in agricultural science. The erratic rain, resulting run-off and soil erosion have compelled farmers to stop cultivating many crops, including finger millet (nachni), urad and paddy, says Zanjare, who owns 18 acres of land.

Then there's the danger: Two years ago, on July 30, a cloud-burst triggered a landslide in the Western Ghats, destroying homes and taking lives—including Zanjare's grandmother. This is one of 20 villages that have been identified as at risk.

Villagers also have to grapple with increase in temperature during summer. As in other places, poorly planned development has added to the problem. Deforestation has reduced green cover in the area. "Earlier, it would not be so hot during summer as the forest cover would protect us from the heat. Now, there is a perceptible rise in temperature," he says. "The uprooting of trees also loosens up the soil, leading to frequent land-slides during heavy rainfall."

These perilous weather changes have compelled the villagers to suggest safety measures in and around their houses. "We have to raise a safety wall for those living close to hillsides. Besides, houses need to be built on extra solid and robustly moulded plinths and the roofs need to be strong enough to stand a heavy downpour," said Zanjare.

TERI projects minimum temperatures to increase particularly in Pune, among other places, which will have an adverse effect on some crops. While extreme rainfall is not expected to go up here as much as in some other districts, deforestation in the region and a treacherous hill topography makes even small increases important.

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Jiabharali floods Sonitpur villages

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, July 24: Floodwaters of the tributaries of River Brahmaputra, including Jiabharali, Gabharu, Belsiri and Panchnoi, have submerged many areas of Sonitpur district. According to information available, the Jiabharali river has flooded Bhumuraguri, Kacharipam and Rajgar villages and as a result, all the paddy fields have been submerged. Moreover, due to the gradual rise of the water level of the Jiabharali, the people of other villages like Bihiagaon and Tengabasti are in a state of panic as hundreds of hectares of agricultural fields have been inundated.

Besides the flood, the people of these villages under the Bhumuraguri and Rajgar panchayats have been facing the problem of severe erosion caused by the Brahmaputra and Jiabharali rivers, due to which they have been forced to shift to safer places.

The flood has also affected horticultural fields, leading to a hike in the prices of vegetables in the local markets. According to the Water Resources Department here, the Dipota river has also caused serious flood and erosion problems in many areas.

Moreover, the Panchnoi, Belsiri and Gabharau rivers are also in a spate.

Tinsukia flood scene grim

CORRESPONDENT

TINSUKIA, July 24: Due to incessant rainfall since the last few days in Tinsukia district Revenue Circle, inundating and the catchment areas of Arunachal Pradesh, the water level of River Brahmaputra and its tributaries namely, Dibru, Dhola, Doomdooma, Na Dihing, Buri Dihing, etc., has risen to the danger mark, inundating various places today. Floodwaters have entered 11 Saikhowa National Park under flood-ravaged areas.

the Tinsukia Revenue Circle, five villages of the Doomdooma Revenue Circle and 23 villages under the Margherita about 500 hectares of land and affecting about 20,000 people.

The district administration has set up 10 relief camps at the Margherita subdivision and all the flood-affected people have been provided with essential commodities like rice, lentils, salt, etc. Medical revenue villages of Guijan and veterinary services, too, area, including the Dibru- have been activated in the

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New Delhi: After a hot and humid spell, Delhi is set to receive moderate to heavy rain in the coming few days. The city and its neighbouring areas witnessed light to moderate showers on Tuesday afternoon with Faridabad recording a high of 63mm.

"Conditions have become favourable to revival of rain over northwest India, including the hills. There is a cyclonic circulation over the northern parts of Maharashtra and adjoining parts of Madhya Pradesh. This will move over east Rajasthan and its adjoining areas shortly. The southwesterly winds from Arabian Sea will converge with the easterly winds from Bay of Bengal over Rajasthan and Gujarat, and then move towards Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. Whenever two streams converge, the intensity, duration and coverage of rainfall is much higher than when there is a single system impacting a region," said BP Yadav, director, IMD.

He also added that the mon-

scon frough was active and passing through Haryana and UP on Tuesday.

"The next three to four days will see good rain over the area and there may be a few spells of heavy rain too," he said.

The regional weather forecast centre in Delhi said that moderate rain — from 20 to 60mm — can be expected at a few places over Delhi and the NCR on July 28 and 29.

This coming spell will be the third for this month. July has seen good rainfall so far. Against a normal of 109.4mm for the entire month, the city had already recorded 237.8mm till Tuesday evening. Tuesday, like the past few days, started on an extremely humid note but shortly after noon, parts of central Delhi received moderate showers, followed by east and north Delhi. The Safdarjung observatory recorded 4.6mm between 8.30am and 5.30pm. The maximum temperature touched 35.8 degrees Celsius, one degree above normal while the minimum was 28.6 degrees Celsius, one degree above normal.

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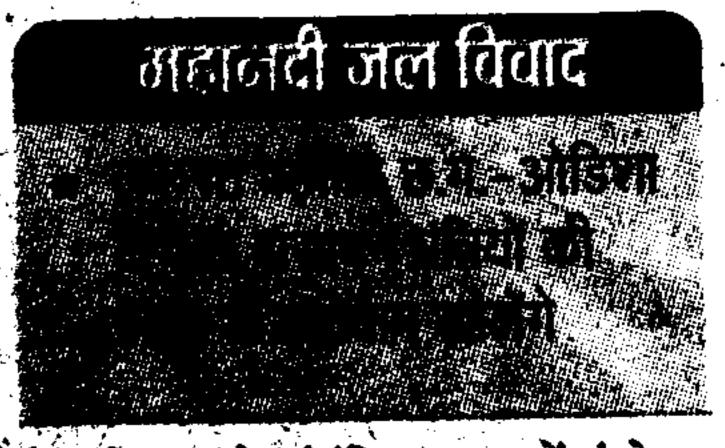
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नई दिल्ली, (भाषा): केन्द्र ने ओडिशा और छत्तीसगढ़ के बीच महानदी जल विवाद में ओडिशा के साथ कोई अन्याय नहीं होने देने का आश्वासन देते हुए आज कहा कि यदि जरूरत पड़ी तो दोनों राज्यों के जल संसाधन मंत्रियां की बेटल बुलाकर समाधार् निकालने का प्रयास किया जाएगा। जल संसाधन मंत्री उमा भारत ने आज सम्यसभा में इस मुद्दे पर ध्यानाक रिण प्रस्ताव पर मांगे गए स्पष्टीकरणों का जवाब देते हुए कहा कि केन्द्र सरकार इस मुद्दे का समाधान निकालने का प्रयास कर रही है। उन्होंने ओडिशा के सदस्यों को आखासन दिया कि इस मुद्दे का समाधान निकालने के मामले में ओडिशा के साथ कोई अन्याय नहीं होने दिया जाएगा। उमा ने कहा कि उन्होंने इस मुद्दे के समाधान के लिए दोनों राज्यों के मुख्य सिचवों की 29 जुलाई को एक बैठक बुलाई है। उन्होंने कहा कि यदि आवश्यकता पड़ी तो दोनों राज्यों के जल संसाधन मंत्रियों की बैठक बुलाई जा सकती है। जल संसाधन मंत्री ने यह भी कहा कि संस्कार विभिन्न राज्यों के बीच नदी जल बंटवारे को लेकर चल रहे विवाद के बेहतर समाधान की दिशा में होनी थी।



में वर्ष 1956 के खंबंधित कानून में संशोधन के बारे में विभिन्न सदस्यों द्वारा दिए गए सुशावों पर विचार करेगी। इससे पहले कियान दलों के सदस्यों के स्पष्टीकरण का जवाब देते हुए जल संसाधन राज्य मंत्री संजीध बालियान ने कहा कि छत्तीसगढ़ को कैलो बांध को छोड़ कर किसी और को मंजूरी नहीं दी गई है और यह मंजूरी भी वर्ष 2009 में दी गई है।

उन्होंने कहा कि छत्तीसगढ़ की महानदी पर बनने वाली चार बड़ी परियोजनाएं हैं लेकिन इनमें से किसी को भी तकनीकी सलाहकार समिति की मंजूरी नहीं मिली है। बालियान ने कहा कि दोनों राज्यों के प्रतिनिधियों की एक अंतर्राज्यीय बैठक 27 जून को केंद्रीय जल आयोग (सीडब्ल्यूसी) में होनी थी।