

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3462
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SUPPLY OF WATER FROM YAMUNA RIVER
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the demand for supplying water from the river Yamuna made by the Government of Delhi during the last three years;
- (b) the quantity of water made available for potable purpose from the river Yamuna to the Capital during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is in proportion to the demand;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether due to heavy increase of population in the capital the demand for potable water has increased rapidly;
- (f) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make available water as per the demand for potable purpose from the river Yamuna to the Capital; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)&(b): Delhi has an annual share of 0.724 billion cusecs meters (BCM) of Yamuna Water as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) dated 12.5.1994 signed between 5 riparian States i.e. Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. This is subject to construction of dams/storages in upper reaches and till such time such storages come up, seasonal allocation of river water for Delhi are provided in the MoU, as under:

(i) 0.076 BCM from March-June.

(ii) 0.58 BCM from July-Oct.

(iii) 0.068 BCM from Nov.-Feb.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. This is not adequate due to heavy increase in population.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f)&(g): The Delhi Jal Board has informed that since the allocation of sharing of water are fixed, no steps can be taken as per demand. However, a parallel lined channel from Munak to Haiderpur is being constructed at a cost of Rs.380 crores which will run side by side of existing Delhi branch from Munak to Haiderpur. The work is likely to be completed in three years and would result in a saving of 80 million gallon per day of raw water which will be utilized by Delhi to operationalise the water treatment plants at Bawana, Dwarka and Okhla.