

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:517  
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2000  
WATER SHARING AGREEMENT  
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether an agreement has been signed between the Governments of India and Pakistan in regard to sharing of water of Sindhu river;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in terms of agreement the construction of some projects has been undertaken; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The Indus Waters Treaty was signed in 1960 between the Governments of India and Pakistan, fixing and delimiting the rights and obligations of India and Pakistan in relation to each other concerning use of the waters of the Indus system of rivers.

(b) In accordance with the Treaty, all the waters of Eastern Rivers namely The Ravi, The Beas and The Sutlej are available for unrestricted use of India. However, Pakistan has been allowed use of waters of the Sutlej and Ravi Main for Domestic and Non-Consumptive Uses. Withdrawal of waters from certain tributaries of river Ravi for irrigating 45,500 acres of area has also been allowed to Pakistan. India shall let flow all the waters of the Western Rivers namely The Indus, The Jhelum and The Chenab, but has been allowed to use them for Domestic Use, Non-Consumptive Use, limited agricultural use and generation of hydro-electric power from Run-of-River Plants. 3.6 MAF of storage has also been permitted to India on Western Rivers for various uses. Specified withdrawals from Ranbir and Pratap Canals are also permitted to India.

(c) & (d) Complying with the provisions available in the Treaty for the purpose, the projects so far undertaken in India include a number of run-of-river hydro-electric projects such as Salal (690 MW), Uri (480 MW) and Lower Jhelum (105 MW) and irrigation projects, but no storage work, on the Western Rivers. The Irrigated Cropped Area within the basin of Western Rivers was 8,11,225 acres during 1998-99 against the permissible limit of 13,43,477 acres. Major works such as Bhakra-Nangal and Beas projects on the Eastern Rivers have already been completed. The works of Ranjit Sagar Dam, Indira Gandhi Nahar Project, Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal, Sidhmukh-Nohar Project and Shahpur Kandi Barrage are yet to be completed.