GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DEMAND OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the demand of water from the Government of NCT Delhi from river Yamuna during the last three years as on date;

(b) the quantity of drinking water made available by the Union Government to the NCT during the above periods, year-wise;

(c) whether the supply is as per the demand;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that there has been a huge increase in the demand of water during the last three years due to heavy increase in the population of Delhi; and

(f) if so, the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Union Government to provide adequate drinking water as per demand from river Yamuna to Delhi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) As informed by Delhi Jal Board, the demand of water from the Government of NCT Delhi from river Yamuna during the last three years was about 330 million gallons per day.

(b) to (d) Water Supply to Delhi from river Yamuna is not made available by Union Government but is regulated through Memorandum of Understanding signed between the basin states in 1994. As informed by Delhi Jal Board, Delhi has generally been getting 330 million gallons of water per day and supply has been as per demand.

(e) As informed by Delhi Jal Board, it is a fact that there has been huge increase in demand of water because of increase in population of Delhi.

(f) Three storage projects- Renuka, Kishau and Lakhwar-Vyasi have been identified on river Yamuna and its tributaries to store monsoon water and enhance the water availability for basin states including Delhi during lean season. Government of India has declared these upstream storage projects as national projects which will be entitled to 90% Central Assistance towards the cost of their irrigation and drinking water components.