

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4474  
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2012  
CAPACITY OF INDIRA GANDHI FEEDER AT HARIKE  
Meghwal Shri Bharat Ram

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

- (a) whether the precious water of Ravi, Beas and Satluj rivers goes waste and flows out of the country because the capacity of headworks of Indira Gandhi Feeder situated at Harike is 15000 cusec whereas its design capacity is 18500 cusec;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this water can be utilised in drought prone areas of Rajasthan after increasing the capacity of headworks situated at Harike;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to direct the Government of Punjab to increase the capacity of headworks situated at Harike from 15000 cusec to 18500 cusec so that during flood, wastage of water could be checked; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) As informed by Punjab, the water of Ravi, Beas and Suttlej rivers is not going waste because of the capacity of head regulator of Indira Gandhi Feeder situated at Harike being 15000 cusec instead of the design capacity of 18500 cusec.
- (b) Does not arise in view of the above.
- (c) Does not arise in view of the above. Government of Punjab has further informed that though the Indira Gandhi Feeder was designed for 18500 cusec, it is unable to carry even 15000 cusec with passage of time and Rajasthan has not utilized more than 12600 cusec any time during the last five years including the monsoon period.
- (d) No.
- (e) It is upto the concerned States to come up with any techno-economically feasible proposal.