

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:255
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SONIA VIHAR WATER TREATMENT PLANT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of NCT of Delhi had set up Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant with prior permission of the Government of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the quantity of water in cusecs required daily to operate this plant at full capacity;
- (c) the percentage of population of Delhi was expected to get drinking water from this plant;
- (d) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh is also facing crisis of water as sufficient Ganga river water is not being released by the Government of Uttaranchal to Uttar Pradesh;
- (e) if so, whether the Government intends to mediate in this regard;
- (f) whether the Union Government has taken initiatives to solve the problem of drinking water with the consent of the Government of Delhi, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the time by which the water is likely to be provided by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for Sonia Vihar Water treatment plant?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a): The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that Govt. of NCT of Delhi has set up Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant after Govt. of Uttar Pradesh agreed to reserve 300 cusecs raw water of Delhi, provided Govt. of NCT of Delhi agrees to share the cost of Tehri Dam. The Govt. of NCT of Delhi has accordingly agreed to share the cost of Tehri Dam.
- (b): Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant requires 300 cusec of water per day to operate at full capacity.
- (c): It has been estimated by DJB that 25% of the population of Delhi will benefit from the Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant.
- (d)to(h): The Ministry of Water Resources has informed that based on the request made by Delhi Govt. several meetings were held by them with representatives of Delhi Govt. and U.P. Govt. where the need for water to run Sonia Vihar Plant in Delhi and the difficulty being faced by the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh to make releases of water was highlighted. However, the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh has been requested by the Min. of Water Resources to release 9 cusecs of water immediately to meet the drinking water needs immediately for the residents of Delhi during this summer.