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CRISIS OF WATER IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Delhi is one of the cities where per capita availability of drinking water is poorest in the country;
- (b) if so, the national average and the same in Delhi;
- (c) whether the Government of NCT of Delhi has informed the Union Government about the acute water crisis in near future in the city and urged to provide additional water;
- (d) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to set up a high level committee comprising of the representatives of neighbouring States to tackle this problem;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;and
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to improve the supply of drinking water in Delhi and the NCR region?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that per capita availability of drinking water in Delhi is not the poorest in the country. The per capita production of water in Delhi is about 48 gallons (216 litres) per capita daily.

According to available records pertaining to 35 Metro Cities in the country as on November, 2003, the per capita water supply ranged between 65 litres per capita per day (lpcd) to 264 lpcd.

(c): The Government of NCT of Delhi has sought the intervention of the Ministry of Water Resources for supply of additional water for Sonia Vihar Treatment Plant by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(d)&(e): The Ministry of Water Resources has informed that at present there is no proposal to set up a Committee to coordinate supply of raw water to Delhi from various sources. However, the allocation of available flows of Yamuna water upto Okhla is regulated by Upper Yamuna River Board and disagreement if any, on the decision of the Board is referred to the Upper Yamuna Review Committee comprising Chief Ministers of Upper Yamuna Basin States.

(f): The DJB has indicated the following steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve drinking water supply in Delhi:-

i) A 140 million gallons per day (mgd) of Water Treatment Plant has been set up at Sonia Vihar. Commissioning of the Plant depends upon the availability of raw water from Uttar Pradesh.

ii) Construction of parallel lined channel from Munak to Haiderpur to save seepage losses in conveyance system has been taken up and 40% work has been completed.

iii) Recycling of waste water of existing Water Treatment Plants which could add about 46 mgd.

The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) has informed that measures proposed in the Draft Regional Plan-2021 in respect of water supply include preparation of blue print for water resources in the region, integrated regional plan to augment drinking water supply, ground water recharge, recharge of aquifers etc.