

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF WATER TO SONIA VIHAR PLANT  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure immediate release of Ganga Water to Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant, Delhi by the Government of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved therein;
- (c) whether about 9,000 kilometer long water pipeline of Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has outlived their life and about 50 per cent of the potable water goes waste through holes in the rusty pipelines; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to replace rusty pipelines to save wastage of precious water?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ( SHRI AJAY MAKEN )

(a)&(b): Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and Ministry of Water Resources (Indus Wing) have informed that meetings were held by Ministry of Water Resources with all concerned, including officials of Uttar Pradesh, in order to expedite release of water from Tehri Dam to made available raw water to Sonia Vihar Plant. DJB has further informed that as temporary arrangement a formula has been proposed for release of 300 cusecs of water to Delhi in the months of April to December, and release of lesser quantity during the remaining three months of the year.

(c)&(d): DJB has further informed that their distribution network covers more than 9,000 kilometer of water pipelines which were placed in position at different times. As far as leakage from the pipe lines is concerned, it occurs from the joints of older pipe lines and on account of illegal connections and large scale use of on line boosters. Detection & repair of leakages of the pipelines and rehabilitation of old pipelines are undertaken by Delhi Jal Board as a continuous process.