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(b)	whether BBMB has implemented this decision;	: As per (a) above.
(c)	if not the reasons therefor; and	: As per (a) above.
(d)	whether Government intends to give direction to BBMB for early implementation of this decision?	: Relates to Government of India.

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On the request of Rajasthan, the matter was put up and deliberated in various meeting(s) of Irrigation Sub-Committee meetings as well as in Bhakra Beas Management Board's meetings and was lastly deliberated in Board's 227<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 20.09.2017 at Chandigarh under Item No. 227.07 wherein Member/Punjab did not agree to the proposal of Rajasthan. As such, both the Members (Punjab & Rajasthan) agreed to take up the issue separately. Further, no input/communication in the matter has been received from the State of Rajasthan/Punjab thereafter.

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for 11.02.2020**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Reply</b>
(a)	Whether it is a fact that Bhakra Main Line (BML) was constructed to carry the Satluj water;	: Yes. Bhakra Main Line was constructed to carry Satluj water to Punjab (undivided) and Rajasthan as per Bhakra-Nangal Agreement, 1959.
(b)	Whether Ravi, Beas water can be delivered through BML to partner states ;	: There was no provision for Ravi-Beas water to be carried through BML at the time of construction of Bhakra - Nangal project. However, Ravi-Beas water for Haryana is being delivered in spare capacity of BML over and above Satluj water. (For details, please see <b>Note For Pad</b> )
(c)	Whether Secretary, Irrigation Ministry of, Government of India vide decision dated 15.01.1982 has allocated 0.17 MAF (Ex-Nangal) water to Rajasthan through Bhakra Main Line;	: Yes. 0.17 MAF (Ex-Nangal) water has been allocated to Rajasthan through Bhakra Main Line by the order dated 15.01.1982 of Secretary, Irrigation Ministry, Government of India; (For details, please see <b>Note For Pad</b> )
(d)	whether Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) has referred the matter to Government of India under Rule 7 of BBMB Rules, 1974 for decision in the matter ;	: Yes, the matter was referred to the Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Power, New Delhi.
(e)	Whether the Government has conveyed its decision; and	: No, relates to Government of India. (Case sub-judice in the Supreme Court).
(f)	if not, up to when Government will convey its decision ?	: As per (e) above.

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On 13<sup>th</sup> January, 1959, Governors of erstwhile Punjab & Rajasthan entered into an agreement to collaborate in the construction of a Dam across the river Satluj at Bhakra and other ancillary works, executed under the Bhakra Nangal Project for extension and improvement of irrigation and generation of Hydroelectric power on the term and conditions given in the agreement. The percentage shares of these States out of Satluj water were also specified in the said agreement. After reorganization of erstwhile Punjab into Punjab and Haryana in 1966, the share of Haryana was derived from the share of erstwhile Punjab in a meeting held on 19.12.1966. Since, only Satluj water was available in Bhakra reservoir at that time, therefore, the distribution of the same through existing canal water carrier system was mentioned / planned in the said agreement. On the completion of Beas Project-I (Beas Satluj Link Project), water diverted from river Beas to river Satluj at Pandoh was also available in Bhakra reservoir.

The Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan reached at an Agreement on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1981 regarding allocation of surplus flows of rivers Ravi and Beas, over and above the pre-partition uses. As per agreement, the total quantum of surplus Ravi-Beas waters over and above pre-partition utilization had been assessed as 17.17 MAF on the basis of flow series for the years 1921-60 after deducting the pre-partition uses of 3.13 MAF and transit losses in the Madhopur Beas Link of 0.26 MAF.

For enabling Haryana to draw its allocated share of water, it was provided in the Clause (iv) of the above said agreement that the Satluj Yamuna Link Canal Project shall be implemented in a time bound manner so far as the canal and appurtenant works in the Punjab territory are concerned within a maximum period of two years from the date of signing of this Agreement. Subsequently, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> para of the same ibid clause, the claim of Rajasthan to carry 0.57 MAF of water through Satluj Yamuna Link Canal/Bhakra System, it has been discussed that the Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation, Government of India will hold discussions with Punjab,

Haryana and Rajasthan with a view to reach an acceptable solution. These discussions shall be concluded in a period of 15 days from the date of affixing signatures on 1981 agreement. If no mutually acceptable agreement was reached, the decision of Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation to be given within this period would be binding on all the parties. Shri C.C. Patel, the then Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Irrigation had decided on 15.01.1982 that 0.17 MAF which is equivalent to about 300 cusecs shall be delivered to Rajasthan ex-Nangal via BML for irrigating Nohar and Sidhmukh areas after the BML is restored to its original designed capacity of 12,500 cusecs.

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Question2

**Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. S229 regarding  
'Allocation of water to Rajasthan through Bhakra Main Line' to be answered on 03.02.2020.**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Reply</b>
(a)	Whether the Bhakra Main Line was constructed to carry the Satluj water;	: Yes. Bhakra Main Line was constructed to carry Satluj water to Punjab (undivided) and Rajasthan as per Bhakra-Nangal Agreement, 1959.
(b)	Whether the waters of Ravi Beas can be provided to partner states through Bhakra Main Line ;	: There was no provision for Ravi-Beas water to be carried through BML at the time of construction of Bhakra - Nangal project. However, Ravi-Beas water for Haryana is being delivered in spare capacity of BML over and above Satluj water. (For details, please see <b>Note For Pad</b> )
(c)	whether 0.17 MAF (Ex-Nangal) water has been allocated to Rajasthan through Bhakra Main Line by the order dated 15.02.1982 of Secretary, Irrigation Ministry, Government of India;	: Yes. 0.17 MAF (Ex-Nangal) water has been allocated to Rajasthan through Bhakra Main Line by the order dated 15.01.1982 of Secretary, Irrigation Ministry, Government of India; (For details, please see <b>Note For Pad</b> )
(d)	whether Bhakra Beas Management Division has sent this matter to Government of India under Rule 7 of BBMB Rules of 1974 for taking a decision in this regards ;	: Yes, the matter was referred to the Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Power, New Delhi.
(e)	whether Government of India has communicated its decision ; if so, by when Government of India will notified decision ?	: No, relates to Government of India. (Case sub-judice in the Supreme Court).

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Question3

**MOST IMMEDIATE  
PARLIAMENT QUESTION**



No. 5-5/1/2020 - BBMB  
Government of India  
Ministry of Power  
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New Delhi, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

To,

Chairman  
Bhakra Beas Management Board  
Sector 19/B, Madhya Marg  
Chandigarh.

Subject: Provisionally Admitted Question for the Rajya Sabha/ Lok Sabha -  
regarding

Sir,

Please find enclosed the Provisionally Admitted Question(s)  
Dy. No. 0326 & Dy. No. 0327.

It is requested that input material for framing draft reply along with note  
for supplementary may kindly be sent to this Ministry immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

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PROVISIONALLY ADMITTED QUESTION FOR THE RAJYA SABHA

Starred /Unstarred Diary No.-- U327

The Question Will be put down for -- 11/02/2020

Answer on the Ministry Department -- Power( PWR)

Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur: Will the Minister of Power be pleased to state

- (a) whether it is a fact that Bhakra Main Line (BML) was constructed to carry the Sutlej water;
- (b) whether Ravi, Beas water can be delivered through BML to partner status;
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