AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE CHIEF MINISTERS OF RAJASTHAN AND HARYANA AND THE GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB AND GOVERNMENT OF INDIA REGARDING THE SUPPLY OF COOLING WATER FOR ROPAR THERMAL POWER STATION AND COMMISSIONING OF THE ANANDPUR SANSIB HYDEL PROJECT.

The following agreement is drawn up in the overall national interest of expediting the commissioning of power generating capacities in general and in northern region in particular:

I. **Ropar Thermal Stage I - Cooling Water Arrangement**

In the interest of expeditious commissioning of Stage-I of the Ropar Thermal Power Station in Punjab, the first of the two units of 210 MW of which is at an advanced stage of commissioning, the following arrangements are agreed to:

1) 600 cusecs of water will be supplied from the Nangal Hydel Channel to cater to the open cooling cycle system already installed for Stage-I of the Ropar Thermal Power Station.

2) With a view to reducing the off-take of cooling water from the NHC, Punjab will consider the installation of a closed cycle cooling arrangements with cooling towers for Stage-I, and will undertake installation of cooling towers for cooling water supply for Stage-II.

3) Punjab will further take expeditious steps to complete restoration of BML to its designed capacity of 12,500 cusecs not later than 31st May, 1985. The shares of Rajasthan and Haryana of the funds required for the restoration work of BML will be placed at the disposal of Punjab by the respective State Governments as needed from time to time.

Estimates for the restoration of the capacity of BML have been furnished by Punjab to Haryana, Rajasthan, BBMB and CWC. These estimates will be finalised by the CWC within a period of two months, taking into account the comments of the three States and BBMB, and the decisions of the CWC in this regard shall be final and binding.

Pending finalisation of the estimates by CWC, Punjab will start the work of restoration for which funds will be made available by the three States. CWC will separately monitor the progress of work of restoration of BML capacity by Punjab.

4) On restoration of BML to its designed capacity, on May, 1985, whichever is earlier, any drawal of cooling water as determined by the BBMB from NHC by Punjab will be out of Punjab’s share in BML.
v) In the light of clauses (i) to (iv) above, the States concur to the link-up of NHC with Ropar Thermal Power Station.

2. The administration, maintenance and operation of the regulator for the supply of cooling water to the Ropar Thermal Power Station will vest with the Bhakra Beas Management Board, subject to further review referred to in para 3 below.

3. The above arrangements in respect of supply of cooling water for Stage-I of Ropar Thermal Power Station will be reviewed by the parties to this agreement after a period of one year.

II. Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project - Link up of Anandpur Sahib Hydel Channel With the Nangal Reservoir.

   i) In view of the claims raised by Haryana and Rajasthan to sharing of power in Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project, Mukerian Hydel Project, Thein Dam Project, UBDC Stage-II and Shahpur Kandi Hydel Scheme, it is hereby agreed that the Government of India shall refer the matter to the Supreme Court for its opinion. The Supreme Court's opinion obtained by the Govt. of India shall be remitted to the signatory states and shall be binding on them. The terms of reference to the Supreme Court shall be as under:

   a) Are the States of Haryana and Rajasthan entitled to a share in the power generated in the Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project, Mukerian Hydel Project, Thein Dam Project, UBDC Stage-II and Shahpur Kandi Hydel Scheme, and,

   b) if they are, what would be the share of each State,

ii) In case no opinion on the above terms is expressed by the Supreme Court for any reason, the parties agree to jointly make a submission to the Supreme Court for referring the dispute to a sitting Judge of that Court whose Award shall be binding on them as well as BBMB.

   iii) In case no opinion on the above terms of reference is forthcoming from the Supreme Court and no reference of the dispute is made by the Supreme Court to a Judge of that Court as mentioned in (ii) above, it is hereby further agreed that the Government of India shall refer the matter to a Judge of the Supreme Court to be nominated by it. The Award of the Judge shall be binding on all the signatory States.

   iv) In the light of clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above, the signatory States concur to the link up of Anandpur Sahib Hydel Channel with the Nangal Reservoir to enable commissioning of the Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project expeditiously.

   v) The administration, maintenance and operation of the Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project head regulator will vest with the BBMB.
vi) Pending receipt of the opinion of the Supreme Court/decision of the Judge, Government of India will give due consideration to the requests of Haryana and Rajasthan for making available additional power from the Central unallocated share in the Central generating stations.

Signed at New Delhi, on the 10th May, 1984.

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