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Government of India
Ministry of Irrigation

New Delhi, the 15th January, 1982

To

1. Shri P.P. Caprihan,
   Secretary,
   Irrigation & Power Department,
   Government of Haryana,
   Chandigarh.

2. Shri G. Balakrishnan,
   Secretary,
   Irrigation & Power Department,
   Government of Punjab,
   Chandigarh.

3. Shri M.L. Mathur,
   Secretary,
   Irrigation Department,
   Government of Rajasthan,
   Jaipur.

SUBJECT: Rajasthan's claim for conveying 0.57 MAF of Waters through Sutlej-Yamuna Link/Bhakra system in pursuance of the Agreement dated 31-12-81 "regarding allocation of surplus flows of the Rivers Ravi and Beas over and above the pre-partition uses and implementation of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal Project" amongst the Chief Ministers of Haryana/Punjab and Rajasthan.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the decision of the Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation, in pursuance of clause iv of the Agreement cited at subject above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

( R.K. BHATIA )

Encls: As above: Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Copy with a copy of the decision is forwarded to Shri B.C. Alva, Chairman, Bhakra Beas Management Board, Chandigarh, for information and necessary action.

Sd/-

( R.K. BHATIA )

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

NOTE : AWARD FOLLOWS IN THE NEXT PAGE.
AWARD OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA 15TH JANUARY, 1982, ON RAJASTHAN'S CLAIM TO CONVEY 0.57 MAF OF WATERS THROUGH SUTLEJ-YAMUNA LINK/ BHAKRA SYSTEM

RAJASTHAN'S CLAIM TO CONVEY 0.57 MAF OF WATER THROUGH SUTLEJ-YAMUNA LINK/BHAKRA SYSTEM.

The agreement signed by the Chief Ministers of Haryana, Rajasthan and Punjab on 31st December, 1981 regarding the apportionment of Ravi-Beas Waters (hereinafter referred to as 1981 Agreement) provides as under:

"Regarding the claim of Rajasthan to convey 0.57 MAF of waters through Sutlej-Yamuna Link/Bhakra System, Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation Government of India will hold discussions with Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan with a view to reaching an acceptable solution. These discussions shall be concluded in a period of 15 days from the date of affixing signatures herein and before the work starts. If no mutually acceptable agreement is reached, the decision of Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation to be given within this period shall be binding on all the parties. In case it is found necessary to increase the capacity of Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal beyond that decided under above sub-para in any or entire reach thereof, the States concerned shall implement the Link Canal in a time bound manner with such increased capacity at the cost of Rajasthan Government".

Immediately after the agreement was signed a meeting was convened on 31st December, 1981 for implementation of the above part of the agreement along with other matters. It was decided that Rajasthan would submit its case to the Secretary (Irrigation), Government of India by 5th January, 1982 with copies to Punjab, Haryana and Bhakra-Beas Management Board and the States of Punjab and Haryana would send their comments by 8th January, 1982. It was also decided that Secretary (Irrigation) would take a meeting on 12th January, 1982 of all the 3 States. Accordingly, the Statement of the case of Rajasthan and the comments of the other States were received and the meeting was held on 12th January (afternoon) which continued on 13th, 14th and 15th January, 1982. This meeting was attended by Secretaries and Chief Engineers of the 3 States and Chairman, Bhakra Management Board. The representatives of the 3 States made an attempt to resolve the issue by discussions amongst themselves before the meeting on 12th January, but it was reported that this was not found possible.

There were prolonged discussions and the 3 States produced documents and furnished extracts and further data to support their respective arguments. Clarifications were also obtained on relevant matters. Attempt was made for reaching a mutually acceptable solution by the undersigned but this was infructuous. I, therefore, give the following decision on the claim of Rajasthan to convey 0.57 MAF of waters to Sutlej-Yamuna Link/Bhakra System after taking into account the view points of the 3 States and keeping in view all relevant aspects including costs involved and the extent of accommodation necessary by the concerned States for implementing this decision:

1. The reasonable requirement of Rajasthan for irrigating Nohar and Sidhmukh areas by flow is assessed as 0.47 MAF and this quantum is considered for providing flow irrigation.
Rajasthan's claim of Beas diverted waters at Nangal in excess of 0.47 MAF is not justified.

2. In order to provide flow irrigation, the following mode of conveyance should be adopted:

(a) The Bhakra areas of Rajasthan now being served by Southern Chaggar Canal and Jandwala distributary should be transferred to Rajasthan Feeder and the water thus saved be diverted to Mohar and Sidhumber area via Fatehbad Branch, Kishangarh Sub Branch and Barwali distributary by remodelling this system to convey 0.30 MAF at Nangal at the capacity factor for the Bhakra System. The existing Bhakra System in upper reaches would remain unaffected. This should be done at the cost of Rajasthan Government.

(b) The remaining quantity of 0.17 MAF which is equivalent to about 300 cusecs shall be delivered to Rajasthan ex-Nangal via BML. It has already been unanimously decided in the meeting held by the Secretary (Irrigation) Government of India on 7.11.81 and attended to by representatives of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan that BML should be restored to its original designed capacity of 12,500 cusecs and that the work should be taken up immediately. Rajasthan is utilising at present a capacity of 855 cusecs at contact points and Rajasthan-Haryana border through BML during the peak supply period. Rajasthan would be further entitled to 300 cusecs capacity for Mohar and Sidhumber areas corresponding to 0.17 MAF to be released ex-Nangal after BML is restored to its original capacity. Rajasthan should pay the cost of restoration of capacity in BML taking into account its increased entitlement.

3. The total quantum of Beas diverted waters through BSL Project is 3.82 MAF at the maximum. Out of this 0.20 MAF would be reserved for Delhi as allocated in 1981 agreement and of the remaining 3.62 MAF, Rajasthan shall be entitled to 0.17 MAF and Haryana shall be entitled to the remaining 3.45 MAF. Haryana shall draw the remaining 0.05 MAF ex-Haroke through Rajasthan Feeder from an appropriate point upstream of the Link channel at RD 496250 connecting Rajasthan Feeder and Sirmind Feeder. Haryana can, however, draw water by this arrangement upto 0.08 MAF for supplying its Bhakra areas by flow. Haryana, in its own interest, might examine the feasibility to increase this quantity to the maximum extent in order to make largest use of its share of Ravi-Beas Waters in good years. This should be done at the cost of Haryana.

4. Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana shall implement the provisions of 1981 Agreement as contained in paragraph (iii) relating to the control of Bhakra and Beas Management Board for ensuring delivery of supplies according to the entitlements in so far as the arrangements contained in paras 2 (a) and 3 herein are concerned.

5. The arrangements under 2(b) above shall come into effect after the capacity of BML has been restored.
6. Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana shall co-operate fully with one another in implementation of the above decision.

Further the above decision does not bind the Govt. of India in any way to accept any proposal/project which may be submitted to it by any party State in pursuance of the decision contained herein.

Sd/- 15.1.1982
(C.C. PATEL)
Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of Irrigation