



SC Directs Haryana to Facilitate Flow of Surplus Water

Why in News?

Recently, the [Supreme Court](#) allowed Himachal Pradesh to release 137 cusecs (a unit of flow equal to 1 cubic foot per second) of surplus water and directing the Haryana government **to ensure uninterrupted flow of this water to Delhi from the [Hathnikund barrage](#) to address the drinking [water crisis](#).**

Key Points

- The court asked the **Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB)** to measure water released by Himachal Pradesh at **Hathnikund** in Haryana.
- **Amid the water shortage** in the national capital, the **Delhi government** had **approached the Supreme Court to get immediate additional water** from neighbouring Haryana.
 - Delhi government in its plea said that it is constrained to file the petition on account of the **acute shortage of water** being faced by the people of Delhi, triggered by the ongoing [severe heat conditions in North India](#), particularly in Delhi.

Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB)

- Upper Yamuna River Board is a **subordinate office under Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti**, Government of India.
- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed by the Chief Ministers of **Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and National Capital Territory of Delhi on 12th May, 1994** regarding allocation of utilizable surface flow of River Yamuna upto Okhla Barrage among the co-basin States.
 - The MoU provides for creation of **a board called Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB)**.

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