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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1434 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs S V Kalyan (DA); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 25/5/10

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


MS B P SONJICA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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1434. Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) What (a) level of security for the supply of water is applied to each of the various sectors of registered users and (b) are the criteria applied when deciding on the level of security for each sector;
- (2) (a) who ensures the supply of water to each sector during a water shortage and (b) what level of supply will each sector receive?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) When planning a water supply system, the required assurance of supply for each sector thereof is determined in consultation with the users. The assurance of supply goes from low to high, with irrigation users supplied at low assurance, followed by general industrial use, power generation and water for basic human need. The level of assurance therefore varies from 90% for irrigation to 99.5% for power generation and basic human needs.
- (1)(b) The criteria for deciding the assurance of supply is based on the level of assurance for each sector taking into account the cost implications and prevailing climatic conditions.
- (2)(a) My Department ensures water supply to each sector during a water shortage. However, in cases of severe water shortage, restrictions are posed initially to users with low assurance followed by medium and partial restrictions for high assurance users.
- (2)(b) See 1(a) above.

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