



Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal Issue

Why in News?

Union Jal Shakti Minister will be holding a meeting with the Chief Ministers of Haryana and Punjab, as the **meeting conducted earlier failed to bridge the gap between Haryana and Punjab on the [Sutlej-Yamuna Link \(SYL\) canal issue.](#)**

Key Points

- Underscoring the importance of constructing the SYL, **the Punjab government will submit an affidavit to the Central government**, providing details about the SYL and water situation.
- According to officials, **Punjab has no surplus water** to share with Haryana and reassessment of availability is required as per international norms.
 - In Punjab 76.5% of blocks (117 out of 153) are over-exploited. Here **groundwater extraction is estimated at more than 100%**. In Haryana the figure for over-exploited blocks is 61.5% (88 out of 143).
- Earlier the apex court directed the union government to conduct a survey of the land in Punjab that was assigned for construction of the SYL canal.

