

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
JODHPUR**

D.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 3637/2021

Rajasthan Kisan Sangharsh Samiti

-----Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Ankur Mathur

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Mukesh Rajpurohit, Dy. S.G.
Mr. Sunil Beniwal, A.A.G.

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. PANKAJ MITHAL
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA BORANA**

Order

18/11/2022

By means of this writ petition, the petitioner in public interest wants that the Government of Rajasthan be directed to provide drinking water and water for irrigation and sanitation to the districts of Jalore and Barmer.

The petitioner in making the above demands before the Court has also suggested certain solutions for resolving the aforesaid problem. One of the suggestions is diversion of water from the Mahi Bajaj Sagar Dam which is popularly known as Banswara Dam situated across the river Mahi. The second alternative suggestion is diversion of water from river Mahi. The third suggestion is that the overflow water of river Mahi be channelized and supplied to the above two districts. Lastly, the suggestion is for the interlinking of river Mahi with Luni river.

The State has filed reply to the writ petition and on principle has agreed that there is scarcity of water in the above two

districts and that steps have to be taken to arrange for the supply of water, however, the State falls short of suggesting any scheme in this regard. It also fails to show if any steps in the above direction to resolve the said problem has been undertaken by it.

Shri Sunil Beniwal, learned Additional Advocate General is directed to seek instructions if the State of Rajasthan is prepared to consider any of the above suggestions and to draw a scheme for resolving the water scarcity problem of the two districts. Alternatively, the State may also come out with any other better scheme which it may consider more appropriate. He may seek instructions in this regard within a period of one month. He may also inform the Court as to the steps taken by the State Government so far in removing the water scarcity problem of the two districts.

List the matter in 2nd week of January, 2023.

(REKHA BORANA),J

(PANKAJ MITHAL),CJ

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