Help us get our share in river waters, Gehlot urges Centre

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Rajasthan has sought the Centre’s intervention for getting its full share in the Yamuna and Narmada river waters, while pointing out that neighbouring Haryana was not releasing it from the Tajewala Headworks even after 24 years of the inter-State Yamuna water agreement becoming operative.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who met Union Water Resources Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi on Monday, said Rajasthan was getting only 40% of its allocated share in the Yamuna waters from Okhla head because of “illegal” drawing of water in Haryana and U.P.

He said the 1,000 cusecs of water received from Gujarat in the Narmada project was insufficient for rabi crops in 2.46 lakh hectares of Jalore and Barmer districts.

Since the discontent among the farmers in the region was increasing, Mr. Gehlot requested the Union Minister to ensure that the State received its full share.