

To Remove the Illegal Bridges

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Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:-

- 17/03/2023
- a) the number of bridges constructed on Sarasvati River from Kurukshetra G.T. road to Jhansa togetherwith the number of bridges constructed by PWD alongwith the number of illegal bridges out of these bridges; and
 - b) the steps taken by the Government to remove the said illegal bridges as the water is accumulated upto many feet in the dozens of colonies in Kurukshetra city due to said illegal bridges and the crops of thousand acreage land of dozens of villages nearby the city have been damaged due to accumulation of water?

Sh. Manohar Lal, Hon'ble Chief Minister Haryana

- a) Total 15 Nos. of bridges exist on the Sarasvati River from G.T road, Kurukshetra to Jhansa road, out of which 6 Nos. bridges were constructed by departments of PWD B&R and Irrigation and 9 Nos. illegal bridges have been constructed (08 before 2010) and are currently being managed by Gram Panchayat/Local residents of village Kheri Markanda without taking NOC/Permission from Department.
- b) After the inception of Sarasvati project, many unauthorised bridges/culverts were got dismantled as and when information/complaint received. Illegal pipe culverts at RD 207850 and RD 214500 have been removed on dated 14.01.2022 & 16.12.2022 respectively. Recently also on the basis of complaint, action was taken to remove illegal bridge at RD 217500 on dated 09.02.2023 with the help of local administration but due to resistance by the residents/villagers the work was withdrawn after partially dismantling the bridge. During monsoon season, whenever there is flooding in nearby residential area due to excess floodwater in Sarasvati river, dewatering is done by installing diesel pumps as per requirement. Neither any crop

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and Flood Control Board for raising of bank and stone pitching of side slope on critical reaches of Sarasvati river to avoid overflowing of flood water into nearby residential area. Tender was invited and opened on 28/02/2023.