

Status of Project Proposals of Telangana

Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project, Phase I- Culturable Command Area 2,72,921 Ha. Estimated Cost: Rs. 13,384 Crore

It is a major project in Godavari Basin, the DPR of which was submitted to CWC, New Delhi in February 2018. As per the DPR, present proposal is an integration of two old project proposals viz Indira Sagar Rudramkota Lift Irrigation Scheme and Rajiv Sagar Lift Irrigation Scheme.

GRMB has however advised that the project be appraised as new project as per prevailing practice in CWC/ MoJS. Inter State Matters Directorate of CWC had also pointed out that since some of the stabilization command was located in Krishna Basin, the Project Authority needs to share the DPR with Krishna River Management Board (KRMB), Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) and Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, despite several requests and reminders, the DPR has not yet been shared with KRMB, GRMB and PPA by the Project Authority. CDO certificate for Design aspects from Project Authority is still awaited.

Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have been raising reservations on this project about the proposed utilization of 70 TMC for this Project which is way different from 16.5 TMC each of the earlier two Projects namely Rajiv Dummugudem Lift Irrigation Scheme and Indira Sagar Rudramkota Lift Irrigation Scheme of which this new Project is supposed to be a re-engineered version.

Being a new Project in Godavari Basin, Apex Council/ GRMB has asked project authorities to submit the DPR to GRMB which is awaited. Preliminary Comments of CWC have already been referred to GRMB on 5.12.2019.