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# Relocation of KRMB HQ to Andhra an epic riddle

**Issue has figured in Board's meetings more times than water-sharing topic**

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The long-awaited shifting of the headquarters of the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) has turned out to be an epic riddle to be solved on its own.

The issue of shifting the headquarters figured on the agenda of the Board meetings more times than water-sharing issues, yet a solution has not emerged.

Nine years since the division of the State, the Board continues to function much to the convenience of the riparian States from the Jala Soudha office in Hyderabad. Many of its employees wish to continue working from here. However, though the Board authorities are keen on moving to Andhra Pradesh, adhering to Provision 85(2) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, it is unable to find the required office space.

For many years, the Board was quite uncertain about its permanent location in Andhra Pradesh. Initially, it



## Crux of the matter

- KRMB seeks free office space of **17,000 sft**
- AP's rental offer of **6,718.58** sft revised to **9,200 sft**
- Shifting to Vizag opposed by in-basin stakeholders
- TS also finds Vizag out of basin, expensive to travel

was expected to be relocated to Amaravati as in the case of many other central government offices. But the AP government wanted the Board to be shifted to Visakhapatnam as it would be easier to coordinate with the Department of Water Resources of AP.

The move was strongly opposed in different quarters. Farmers and elected representatives from AP's Rayalaseema region wanted

the KRMB to be relocated to Kurnool, the erstwhile AP capital. Telangana also opposed, in writing, the move to shift the KRMB headquarters to Visakhapatnam, as the city was not part of the Krishna River Basin. Visakhapatnam is 618 km away from Hyderabad.

Irrigation officials of Telangana feel that it would be difficult to attend the KRMB meetings in Visakhapatnam once it is shifted

from Hyderabad and that air travel would be expensive. The Board has been insisting on free accommodation, whereas the AP government has been offering it on a rental basis. Initially, AP had come up with a proposal to allot 6718.58 sft (excluding parking area).

The KRMB is currently functioning from a 7,557-sft office in Hyderabad. Its member secretary has been insisting on the allotment of

at least 17,000 sft instead. The Board has received official communication from the Engineer-in-Chief of the AP government that office space of 9,200 sft would be made available once the government building was ready.

Employees of the Board, drawn from both States, are worried that once the new academic year commences for their children, they would not be able to move to Visakhapatnam in the middle of the year at a short notice.

The AP government, which has been firm on shifting the Board's headquarters to Visakhapatnam at any cost, was not successful so far in offering office space as per the requirement of the KRMB.

Both the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) and Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) were constituted in 2014 as per the provisions of the AP Reorganisation Act. The GRMB is based permanently in Hyderabad.

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# देश के जलाशयों में क्षमता का मात्र 31 फीसद जल भंडार

■ सहारा न्यूज ब्यूरो

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देश में जल विद्युत परियोजनाओं से संबद्ध कुल 146 जलाशयों में क्षमता का मात्र 31 फीसद जल भंडार है जो पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में मात्र 95 फीसद है। इन जलाशयों में कुल जल भंडार की स्थिति 54.577 बीसीएम है जो पिछले दस वर्षों के औसत का 123 फीसद है।

केंद्रीय जल आयोग जल विद्युत परियोजनाओं से संबंधित देश के 146 जलाशयों की जल संग्रहण स्थिति की नियमित रूप से निगरानी करता है। इन जलाशयों में से 18 जलाशय 34.960 बीसीएम की कुल जल संग्रहण क्षमता वाली जलविद्युत परियोजनाओं के हैं। सभी 146 जलाशयों की कुल जल संग्रहण क्षमता 178.185 बीसीएम है जो देश में अनुमानित 257.812 बीसीएम जल संग्रहण क्षमता का लगभग 69.11 फीसद है। इन जलाशयों में मौजूदा उपलब्ध जल संग्रहण

54.577 बीसीएम है, जो इन जलाशयों की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता का 31 फीसद है। हालांकि, पिछले साल इसी अवधि में इन जलाशयों में उपलब्ध जल भंडार 57.221 बीसीएम था और पिछले 10 वर्षों के लाइव स्टोरेज का औसत 44.343 बीसीएम था। सभी 146 जलाशयों में उपलब्ध जल संग्रहण पिछले वर्ष की इसी अवधि के संग्रहण का 95 फीसद और पिछले दस वर्षों के औसत संग्रहण का 123 फीसद है।

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■ कुल जल भंडार की स्थिति 54.577 बीसीएम

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उत्तरी क्षेत्र के हिमाचल प्रदेश, पंजाब और राजस्थान में 19.663 बीसीएम की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता वाले

10 जलाशयों में उपलब्ध कुल संग्रहण 7.343 बीसीएम है जो इन जलाशयों की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता का 37 फीसद है। पूर्वी क्षेत्र के झारखंड, ओडिशा, पश्चिम बंगाल, त्रिपुरा, नगालैंड और बिहार के जलाशयों में उपलब्ध कुल संग्रहण 5.095 बीसीएम है जो इन जलाशयों की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता का 25 फीसद है।