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Water row: TS wants Centre to follow key protocols

STATE BUREAU

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Telangana State is going to seek fulfilment of key operation protocols by the Ministry of Jal Shakti before handing over the joint projects in the Krishna Basin to the river management board.

As a senior official of State Irrigation Department puts it, the functions of Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) are primarily to regulate the supply of water to both the States. It will be in accordance with either the tribunal award or the agreements that have been reached by the two States as part of bifurcation arrangements.

Allocation of water is the prerogative of the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT). The river board has no authority to indulge in allocating water to the States. The river board also has no brief to intervene in power generation issues. It would not be able to come in the way of Telangana's right over power generation under any circumstances,

River board would not be able to come in the way of Telangana's right over power generation under any circumstances, says senior State Irrigation Department official

he stressed. The right over the operation of the power houses, going by even the State Reorganisation Act, shall remain with the States concerned.

The Bachawat Tribunal did not make any separate allocations for Srisailem Hydro-electric project since it is meant for generating power only. In one of its reports, the Tribunal reiterated that Srisailem is a hydro-electric project for generating power without diverting to any other watershed.

The Srisailem project is only source of inflows for the Nagarjuna Sagar Project. As per the mandate of the Planning Commission, 264 tmc of water has to be released from Srisailem through its power generation channels to Nagarjuna Sagar. This is an important provision and it can neither

be altered by KRMB, nor tampered with.

Thus, the Bachawat Tribunal has clarified in no uncertain terms that Srisailem Reservoir is meant purely for generating power without diverting water to any water shed except for irrigation. Subsequent governments however, have changed scope of the project by adding the irrigation element.

The Centre must consider the carry over facility before expecting Telangana to respond positively. Our right on the quantity of water we could save in the current water year by adopting conservation methods cannot be deprived of. What we could save on our quote in the reservoirs should be carried over to the next water year. This facility has been provided by KWDT-1.

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All India secretaries conference on water vision to be held in TN

New Delhi, Jan 19: An all India secretaries conference on the country's water vision will be held on Monday and Tuesday in Tamil Nadu, according to an official statement. The conference aims to ideate, share best practices and review the progress made on the recommendations, emphasizing the need for integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to water-related issues.

The conference serves as a follow-up to the "1st All India Annual State Ministers Conference on Water", which took place on January 5 and 6 last year in Bhopal during which 22 recommendations were formulated by the Centre and the states, setting the stage for a collaborative effort to address water-related challenges comprehensively, a statement by the Jal Shakti Ministry said.

The scheduled sessions during the two-day conference next week will center around five key themes: Water Governance and Water Quality, Climate Resilience and River Health, Water Use Efficiency, Water Storage, and Jan Bhagidari.

Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister for Water Resource, Tamil Nadu government, Durai Murugan, will be in attendance.

The event will witness the release of a film by the Ministry of Jal Shakti titled 'For a Water Secure Future' and a book titled 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain, A Journey'.

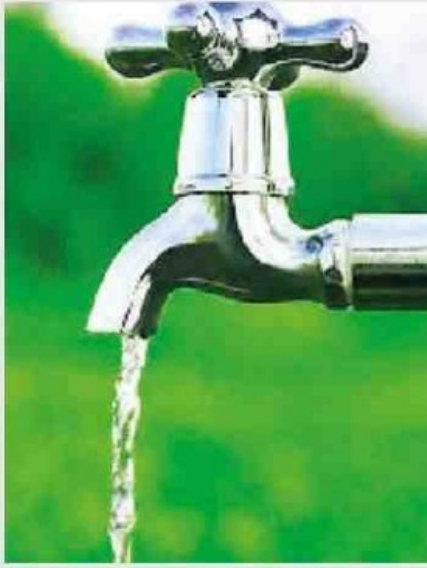
The participants in the conference will include the secretaries of central ministries, additional chief secretaries/principal secretaries of Water Resources, PHED & Irrigation departments from various states, senior-most secretaries of the states, representatives of bilateral partners/multilateral organisations/NGOs and media partners.

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14 करोड़ ग्रामीण परिवारों तक पहुंच रहा 'नल से शुद्ध जल'



भारत सरकार ने सभी नागरिकों तक पानी की पहुंच सुनिश्चित करने की ठानी है। सरकार ने कहा है कि 2024 तक भारत के हर घर में नल से जल पहुंच चुका होगा। केवल 4 वर्षों में नल कनेक्शन कवरेज को 14 करोड़ घरों तक कनेक्शन पहुंचाया है। इससे आज महिलाओं और युवा लड़कियों को रोजाना पानी लाने के कठिन काम से मुक्ति मिल रही है।