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Jal Shakti to update TS, AP on dues

KRMB, GRMB seek immediate release of funds from the States

STATE BUREAU

Hyderabad

Jal Shakti Secretary Debashree Mukerjee will soon write to Chief Secretaries of both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh updating them on the status of finances of the Krishna River Management Board and the Godavari River Management Board. The river boards are low on funds and finding it difficult to pay salaries.

The two boards that were set up under the AP State Reorganisation Act, 2014 have been seeking immediate release of funds due to them from the beneficiary States. The heads of the boards have made representations for release of Rs 1 crore to Rs 2 crore each to

help bail them out of crisis. The money matters of the two boards figured at a meeting of river boards with Jal Shakti Secretary in New Delhi on Tuesday. Representatives of the two boards requested the Centre to consider release of the required funds on priority pending the releases from the States.

The boards were indicated that despite being under the control of Min-

istry of Jal Shakti, those working in the board were the employees of the governments of States concerned. Even the top brass of the boards deputed from the CWC would continue to be under the States.

The Jal Shakti Secretary assured the boards that their issues would be taken up with both the governments, as per officials. "What we are looking for is Rs 1 crore

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— SENIOR RIVER BOARD OFFICER

to Rs 2 crore. We are not talking about any new projects involving any investments. It should be considered. We are employees of the State governments. The governments have to pay our salaries any way,” said a senior officer of the boards.

“We have been requesting the governments that they should use our services. We are senior officers of the CWC, well acquainted with the functioning of the river management boards,” he said, adding that such experienced officers could help States in getting funds for the command area development and dam safety. “We can also appraise the NGT of the factual aspects in obtaining clearances for projects,” he said.

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SAFETY | MEASURES AP proposes construction of a new D-wall for full length of nearly 1,400 metres

Agency to study Polavaram D-wall damage

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The Polavaram Project Authority would call for tenders shortly to decide on an international agency for a study on the partially damaged diaphragm wall of the irrigation project.

After study, the agency would recommend whether to go for construction of a new wall or do only repair works to the existing one.

Ever since, the water resources authorities noticed damage to some portions in the D-wall, the AP government and the central agencies like the

PPA, the Central Water Commission and other agencies are on the lookout to address the issue.

The Andhra Pradesh government proposed construction of a new D-wall for the full length of nearly 1,400 metres parallel to the damaged D-wall. The government felt this would ensure safety of the whole Polavaram project including the upcoming earth-cum-rockfill dam.

Meanwhile, some suggestions came up from other agencies that the damaged portions at four places can be repaired.

According to an estimate, it costs nearly ₹800 crore to



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DECISION ON D-WALL

We are expecting PPA to call for tenders to have a study on D-wall and other components of the Polavaram project. Once this is done, the Central Water Commission and other stakeholder agencies will take a final decision. Accordingly, we will start execution of the works.

— Sudhakar Babu, Polavaram Project chief engineer

construct a new D-wall while it would require ₹408 crore to repair the damaged one. The proposal for

view. Any damage to the repaired D-wall in the form of leakage of water, in future, may result in a major disaster, it was averred.

Now, the international agency may also be asked to take up a study on ground improvement where the D-wall is located, the stability of underground earth, the seepage of water from upper coffer dam and the stability of earth where the ECRF dam will be constructed.

Meanwhile, the water resources authorities are taking up vibro compaction works to solidify the soil in the D-wall area. Meanwhile, as the

Polavaram project is already running at a delayed schedule for varied reasons, any further delay in taking up construction of D-wall and other works may cause further delay in the execution of works, resulting in cost escalation and also hardships to all stakeholders including the farmers, the project affected people and others.

Moreover, as Godavari river witnesses floods during the rainy season from June every year, the authorities plan to take up all major works before this time to avoid any hindrance to the works due to floods.

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T.N. not keen on seeking Krishna water from A.P. as reservoirs in Chennai have enough storage

Water Resources Department plans to improve flood-affected canals linked to reservoirs. Work to repair Kandaleru-Poondi canal in vulnerable portions will soon be resumed as water flow has stopped in the canal. Plans to improve infrastructure of reservoirs have been put on hold



Water management: The lining work in the Kandaleru-Poondi canal is likely to resume soon. FILE PHOTO

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CHENNAI

With the city reservoirs brimming with sufficient storage, the Water Resources Department is not keen on seeking Krishna water release from Andhra Pradesh as of now.

The department plans to improve flood-affected canals linked to the reservoirs.

The five reservoirs together have 10.4 thousand million cubic feet of water (mcf), which is nearly 89% of their total capacity.

Adequate water supply

A senior official of the WRD noted that the reservoirs had adequate re-

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sources to maintain the drinking water supply this year.

While there is a requirement for Andhra Pradesh to release Krishna water in two spells (between June-October and January-April) for Chennai, Kandaleru reservoir in the State does not have enough storage.

The city was previously provided with 2.4 tmcft of Krishna water between July and October last year.

The department would

instead repair its canals conveying water to various reservoirs that store and distribute drinking water to Chennai residents.

Work to resume

The work to repair and provide lining in the vulnerable portions of the Kandaleru-Poondi canal would be resumed as water has stopped flowing in the canal.

The canal stretches for 25 km from the entry point at Uthukottai to Poondi reservoir in Tiruvallur district where water is stored.

Officials of the WRD said the project would help quicker realisation of Krishna water and also prevent silting up of the canal.

Heavy flows in the canal during the Northeast monsoon had led to damage in the other canals like the link canal that carried water from Poondi to Chembarambakkam reservoir.

A proposal is being prepared to provide a lining for the canal.

Work is already in progress to improve the earthen portions of the feeder canal, which is connected to Red Hills reservoir, at a cost of ₹19 crore.

The work would help reduce the loss of 20%-30% water due to seepage.

However, the Water Resources Department has put on hold plans to improve the infrastructure of reservoirs until summer as they are almost full.

किसाऊ डैम के लिए बनेगी कमेटी हिमाचल को जमीन देगा हरियाणा

हरियाणा निवास चंडीगढ़ में दो चले घंटे चली दोनों राज्यों के मुख्य सचिवों की बैठक

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

चंडीगढ़/शिमला। कई सालों से लंबित पड़े किसाऊ डैम को सिरे चढ़ाने के लिए हरियाणा और हिमाचल सरकार में सहमति बन गई है। दोनों प्रदेशों के अधिकारियों की संयुक्त तकनीकी कमेटी बनेगी, जो डैम तैयार करने में आ रही तकनीकी दिक्कतें दूर करने के लिए रिपोर्ट तैयार करेगी। रिपोर्ट के आधार पर प्रोजेक्ट सिरे चढ़ाया जाएगा।

इसके अलावा, हरियाणा सरकार पंचकूला में हिमाचल प्रदेश को पौने दो एकड़ जमीन देगी। विकल्प के तौर पर तीन जगह बताई हैं। 15 दिनों में हिमाचल के अफसर जगह फाइनल करेंगे। हिमाचल सरकार ने हरियाणा सरकार की शिमला स्थित दो संपत्तियां मांगी हैं। इनमें एक वैनमोर में हरियाणा सरकार का विश्राम गृह और दूसरा कुरुक्षेत्र



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विश्वविद्यालय का गेस्ट हाउस है, जो मुख्यमंत्री के सरकारी निवास ओक ओवर के पास है। दोनों प्रदेशों से जुड़े मुद्दों को लेकर बुधवार को यहां हरियाणा निवास चंडीगढ़ में हरियाणा के मुख्य सचिव संजीव कौशल व हिमाचल प्रदेश के मुख्य सचिव प्रबोध सक्सेना के बीच बैठक हुई।

दो घंटे तक चले मंथन में फैसला लिया गया कि इसके लिए दोनों प्रदेश तकनीकी विशेषज्ञों की कमेटी बनाएंगे।

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