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KCR not keen to meet Jagan over water row

CM wants AP to first stop controversial Krishna, RDS projects

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Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao is reportedly not keen on meeting his Andhra Pradesh counterpart Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for talks on resolving the Krishna water sharing dispute right now.

The two Chief Ministers had last met in Pragathi Bhavan in January 2020.

AP government adviser Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy and AP minister Purni Nani said on Friday that Jagan Mohan Reddy was ready for talks with Chandrashekar Rao to resolve the Krishna dispute in an amicable manner.

But, sources in the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti said that Chandrashekar Rao wants to hold talks only if AP government withdraws controversial projects over the Krishna and RDS and is willing to share surplus Godavari water with AP by constructing either joint projects or individual projects on Godavari for benefit of both the Telugu states.

Meanwhile, Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat is learnt



K. Chandrashekar Rao and Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy in happier times

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It is felt that Jagan Mohan Reddy ignored him and unilaterally decided to take up the RLIS on the Krishna like his father Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy did by constructing the Pothireddy padu project, hurting the interests of south Telangana districts including Hyderabad.

Added to this, the Jagan Mohan Reddy government constructing a parallel canal along the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) to divert even Tungabhadra water from erstwhile Mahbubnagar district angered Chandrashekar Rao even more. For these reasons, he is against holding talks with Jagan Mohan Reddy at this stage unless the AP CM withdraws those projects.

NGT ASKS KRISHNA BOARD TO VERIFY IF AP IS VIOLATING PREVIOUS ORDERS

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The Southern Zone bench of National Green Tribunal on Friday asked the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to verify the genuineness of Andhra Pradesh's claims it was not taking up any civil works relating to the

Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS).

The bench was dealing with a petition filed by Telangana resident G. Srinivas, complaining that AP was going ahead with construction of RLIS in violation of the NGT orders.

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to have called Chandrashekar Rao over the phone on Friday and discussed the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS) works.

He reportedly assured the

CM that his ministry would soon send a team from the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to the RLIS site to assess the actual position of works.

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TRS says AP stealing water, badmouths YSR and Jagan

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The TRS has intensified its attack against Andhra Pradesh over the proposed Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS).

Several ministers spoke out against what they described as "stealing of Telangana water by AP" and even personalised their attacks to the extent of calling AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy a 'dacoit' and his father and late Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy a 'thief'.

Telangana tourism minister V. Srinivas Goud went a step further and blamed Rajasekhara Reddy for the death of popular Congress leader P. Janardhan Reddy who was insulted by the then dispensation for his relentless fight against diversion of Krishna waters to Rayalaseema through the Pothireddypadu project. "YSR was a devil in the form of a human being," he said.

The TRS has revived the attack on the RLIS in the past few days and accused the Jagan Mohan Reddy government of carrying out civil works relating to the project.

The RLIS turned a bone of contention between the two states

Bhatti questions KCR's silence on RLI project

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Congress Legislature Party leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka faulted Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao for delay in reacting to the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme works of Andhra Pradesh.

"If the CM was concerned about the state's interests, he would have reacted on the day the GO was released by the AP government on Sangameshwara LI scheme," he said. Rao was always trying to get

political mileage on the emotions of people, he said.

Speaking to media here at the Assembly on Friday, Vikramarka said for political and financial interests, the TRS government intentionally kept quiet on Rayalaseema lift irrigation works for the last one year.

To defend its faults, the TRS leaders were trying to defame the Congress leaders, he said. Opposition parties, especially the Congress, reprimanded the TRS government on

the RLIS, but it did not respond so far, he said. The CLP leader alleged that gross negligence of the TRS government on the RLIS would affect 25 lakh acres in the state.

Water was being provided to a total of 15.50 lakh acres including 6.40 lakh acres through Nagarjunasagar left canal, 3.4 lakh acres through Kalwakurthy lift irrigation scheme, 3.7 lakh acres through SLBC A. Madhav Reddy canal, and 2 lakh acres through Nettekoppu by previous governments, he explained.

last year when the two government traded charges against each other on constructing illegal projects on Krishna and violating the KRMB directions.

The fresh attack gains significance against the backdrop of the political atmosphere getting charged in the run-up to the Huzurabad bypoll.

Energy minister Jagadish Reddy questioned the silence of the BJP and the Congress. "Instead of fighting the

AP government, the Opposition is targeting us," he said.

The minister accused the BJP-led government at Centre for creating rift between the Telugu states by not finalising the sharing ratio even seven years after the bifurcation.

Agriculture minister Niranjan Reddy asked the Congress leaders to come out of the mindset of remaining as 'slaves' to Seemandhra rulers even after the formation

of Telangana state.

He alleged that they were slaves to Rajasekhara Reddy in undivided AP and kept mum when he constructed the Pothireddypadu project to divert Krishna water and accused the BJP leader D.K. Aruna who was then in the Congress of offering 'Mangala Harathi' to Rajasekhara Reddy, when he came to Mahbubnagar district to loot Telangana water.

TRS PLAYING POLITICS OVER WATER: BJP

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BJP legislator M. Raghunandhan Rao took exception to TRS MLA Balka Suman's criticism of former minister Etala Rajendar and stated that double bedroom houses were not constructed in Huzurabad because the state government did not allocate funds for the purpose.

Addressing a press conference here on Friday, Raghunandhan Rao asked the TRS to be ready to debate development activities. He said that the Chief Minister visited Andhra Pradesh MLA R.K. Roja's residence and had a meal with her and now the TRS ministers were playing games in the name of water projects.

This was even the CM called Rayalaseema 'Ratnala Seema' and minister Prasanth Reddy had termed the people of Andhra as 'demons'.

He said that the CM and his men were covering up for their failure to stop Andhra Pradesh from going ahead with illegal projects that were detrimental to Telangana's interests.

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[Tough Stance]

Will jail you, NGT warns AP CS

Do not take up works on RLIS without green nod, AP told

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

The National Green Tribunal (NGT), taking serious note of the recalcitrant attitude of the Andhra Pradesh government, on Friday warned that the Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary would be sent to jail if the State is found indulging in violation of its order pertaining to Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS).

Responding to a contempt petition filed by Telangana Sarpanches Association leader G Srinivas, the NGT directed the AP government not to take up the construction without getting any environmental clearance. The Association had brought to the notice of NGT the construction work going on at RLIS. The petitioner also brought to the notice of NGT that the AP government was not cooperating with the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to conduct inspection of RLIS as per NGT's directions.

Though the NGT had ordered that environmental clearance was mandatory, the AP government continued to write letters to the Ministry of Environment stating there was no need for permission for RLIS. The petitioner also said that the AP government had taken up construction work

Centre to send KRMB team to AP

HYDERABAD: The Centre will deploy a committee of Krishna River Management Board to investigate the complaints raised by the Telangana government against the Andhra Pradesh government over taking up illegal construction of projects including the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation scheme and Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme right canal. Sources said Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat had a telephonic conversation with Chief Minister K Chandrashekharao in this regard on Friday. He reportedly assured that necessary action would be taken if the AP government was found constructing the projects without valid permissions.

despite the situation arising out of the second wave of Covid-19, and in violation of NGT orders. A request was made to NGT to ensure that its order is implemented.

The advocate who argued on behalf of AP said the construction work of RLIS was not taken up and sought two weeks time to file a counter petition. The advocate informed NGT that the Telangana government was also taking up several projects without any permission. The NGT ordered the KRMB to submit a report explaining the latest situation at RLIS.

The Telangana petitioner's advocate Shravan Kumar told Telangana Today that the NGT said: "If we find any violation of our orders, then we will send the AP Chief Secretary to jail." the matter was posted to July 12 for further hearing. Mean-

while, several Ministers from Telangana came out with their guns blazing against the YSRCP government in the neighbouring State. Agriculture Minister S Niranjan Reddy, Energy Minister G Jagdish Reddy and Tourism Minister V Srinivas Goud, speaking in different places but essentially maintaining the same tone, not only slammed the AP government for ignoring NGT and KRMB orders but also sought the Central government's intervention to rein in the YSRCP government. "The Centre can't remain a silent spectator when the AP government is resorting to water theft. It has to intervene to resolve the inter-State dispute," Niranjan Reddy said, addressing a gathering after inaugurating a Rythu Vedita at Revalli in Wanaparthy.

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औसत बरसात 75 प्रतिशत से ज्यादा जून में तरबतर झारखंड, कई जिले बारिश के कारण सराबोर

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कई अन्य राज्यों की तरह झारखंड में भी इस साल जून के महीने में अच्छी खासी बरसात हुई। औसत बारिश से 76 फीसदी ज्यादा बारिश होने का आंकड़ा देते हुए भारतीय मौसम विज्ञान विभाग के रांची केंद्र ने ये भी बताया कि जून के महीने में राज्य का जामताड़ा जिला सबसे ज्यादा भीगा। राज्य के सिर्फ एक जिले में ही इस महीने औसत बारिश हुई है, बाकी सभी जिलों में औसत से ज्यादा बारिश दर्ज की गई।



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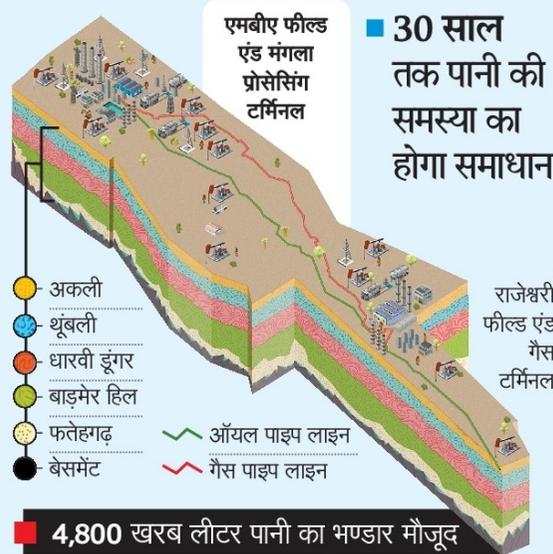
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बाड़मेर के निकट माडपुरा बरवाला से लेकर गुड़ामालानी,

बायतु, शिव, सांचौर तक जमीन से 350 मीटर से 1500 मीटर गहराई में फैले इस समंदर की खोज हुई है, जो करीब 3111 वर्गकिमी में जगह-जगह है। इसमें 4800 खरब लीटर पानी होने का अनुमान है। यह पानी अत्यधिक खारा है जिसमें 5 हजार से 20 हजार तक टीडीएस की मात्रा है, सामान्यतया 1000 तक टीडीएस रहता है लेकिन खाड़ी देशों में 35 हजार टीडीएस तक के पानी को खारे से मीठे में परिवर्तित करने की तकनीक ने कंपनियों को उत्साहित किया। मार्च 2020 में केन्द्रीय जलशक्ति मंत्री गजेन्द्रसिंह शेखावत और पेट्रोलियम मंत्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान की मौजूदगी में हुई बैठक में इस खजाने को राज्य के लिए उपयोगी मानते हुए इस दिशा में कार्य करने के निर्देश दिए गए थे और तेल कंपनियों को ही इसके लिए जिम्मेवारी दी गई थी।

मार्च 2020 में दोनों मंत्रालयों ने की थी बैठक



30 साल तक पानी की समस्या का होगा समाधान

ऊर्जा का बड़ा स्रोत

482 बिलियन क्युबिक मीटर पानी की मौजूदगी है और राज्य में अभी सालाना खपत 16-17 बिलियन क्युबिक मीटर की है, लिहाजा करीब तीस साल तक इस पानी का उपयोग हो सकता है। खारे पानी को मीठे में तब्दील करने के अलावा ऊर्जा का बड़ा स्रोत बनाने के संकेत भी दिए गए थे।

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भू-वैज्ञानिकों के अनुसार 350 मीटर गहराई में पानी जमा है। 750 से 2000 मीटर की गहराई में तेल का खजाना है। 1700 मीटर गहराई पर गैस का भण्डार है। तेल कंपनियां गैस और तेल पर पहले से ही कार्य कर रही हैं और पानी का यह खजाना भी उपयोगी साबित होता है तो रेगिस्तान नई इबारत लिखेगा।

खोज आगे बढ़नी चाहिए

रेगिस्तान में यह खोज होने के बाद जैसे ही उत्साहित होकर कार्य प्रारंभ किया गया था लेकिन कोरोनाकाल ने सारी योजनाओं का झकझोरा है। इस दिशा में कार्य होता है तो निश्चित तौर पर राज्य के लिए पानी का बड़ा खजाना होगा।

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