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EPS, OPS criticise DMK government on Mekedatu dam issue

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AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami on Sunday criticised the Congress government in Karnataka for attempting to construct a dam across the Cauvery at Mekedatu. He also criticised the DMK government in Tamil Nadu for allegedly not having opposed the attempt.

Referring to a letter from Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat seeking permission for the dam, Mr. Palaniswami said that the AIADMK would stage protests to ensure that Tamil Nadu did not turn into a desert.

He asserted that the Tamil Nadu government was only using the water reaching Biligundlu as per the Supreme Court judgment for the implementation of Phase II of the Hogenakkal Integrated Drinking Water Project. "Karnataka has no right whatsoever to find fault with Tamil Nadu, which is only implementing drinking water programmes with the water it

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is receiving," he said.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin should condemn the Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister's action, he said.

In a statement, former Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam urged Mr. Stalin to use his rapport with the Congress and take urgent steps to ensure that Tamil Nadu received its share for June and July.

Pointing out that farmers in the Cauvery delta region had completed sowing and were awaiting water from the Cauvery, he said that though water was released from the Mettur dam on June 12, it had not reached many tail-end areas. Mr. Shivakumar's statements against the release of water to Tamil Nadu amounted to contempt of the Supreme Court judgment, he said.

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Two irrigation projects stuck for want of central funds

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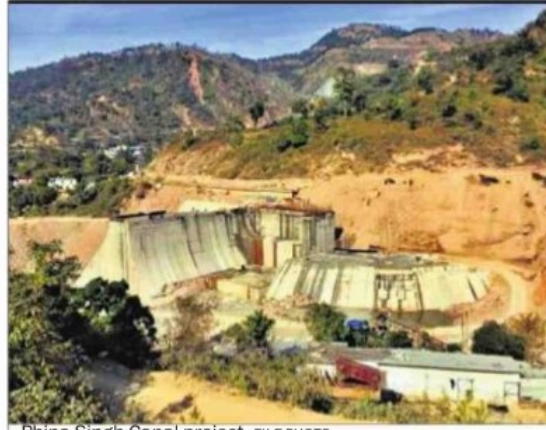
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Phina Singh Canal and Shah Canal command area irrigation projects in Kangra district are stuck for want of funds from the Union Government.

The Rs 643-crore Phina Singh Canal project is being set up in the Nurpur area of Kangra district. The project has been hanging fire for the past over 11 years and its cost has gone up from initial Rs 204 crore to Rs 643 crore now.

The project was envisaged in 2011 for interlinking two Beas tributaries, the Chaki river and Kalam nullah, in the Nurpur area and the construction of a concrete gravity dam across the Chaki river. The water from the dam was to be carried through a 4,307-m tunnel to irrigate over 4,025 hectares in 60 villages.

The project had not received any funds from the Centre over the past few years. In 2021, a revised detailed project report



Phina Singh Canal project. FILE PHOTO

CAUSE OF DELAY

- State awaits funds from the Union Ministry of Water Resources for Phina Singh Canal
- Shah Canal water not reaching farmers for want of development of the command area scheme

(DPR) was sent by the Irrigation Department to the Centre regarding the project.

In the revised DPR, a provision has also been made for the construction of a 1.88-MW hydropower project on Phina Singh Canal. The revised plan also envisages the use of the reservoir

created for the project for transportation purposes.

Deputy CM and Minister for Irrigation and Public Health Department Mukesh Agnihotri said the state had already invested its share of Rs 283 crore on the project. All necessary clearances and reports had been sub-

mitted to the Union Government for further funding of the project. The project was awaiting investment clearance from the Union Ministry for Water Resources. "We are actively pursuing the matter," he said.

The construction of Shah Canal was completed in 2012. It carries water from the Pong Dam to Indora and Nurpur areas in Kangra district. Though the canal has been completed, it has not been able to fulfil its purpose of irrigating 10,000 hectares. Sources said the Department of Irrigation had submitted a Rs 70-crore proposal to the Union Government for the development of command area of the canal so that pipes could be laid for taking water to the fields. However, the project was still awaiting approval from the Union Government.

Mukesh Agnihotri said the state government was actively pursuing the project for the development of command area of Shah Canal so that water could be put to optimum use.

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Water needs top priority, says KCR

Directs officials to monitor storage levels in reservoirs

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao on Sunday directed officials to initiate measures on a war footing to meet drinking water and irrigation needs by constantly monitoring the water levels in the State's reservoirs.

He held a high-level review meeting at the Secretariat on the storage levels in irrigation projects, the status of drinking water supply, power demand and preparatory activity in the farm sector impacted by deficient rainfall recorded in June.

The Chief Minister wanted officials to swing into action and utilise all resources to avoid scarcity in any part of the State. He asked them to get ready with contingency plans to meet the situation. It is time for the officials of the Irrigation and Power departments to act in coordination, he said. The inflows being received from Pranahita and other tributaries of the Godavari



Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao at a high-level review meeting on irrigation and drinking water supply, at the Secretariat on Sunday.

river could be lifted by building up the storage levels at the Godavari basin projects to extend water supply to even the tail-end ayacut of the Kaleshwaram project covering even Suryapet district, he said.

Even the Sriram Sagar ayacut can be provided with supplies for the season, making use of the water available in storage. The inflows, which start from Pranahita, should be lifted through Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages that are part of the Kaleshwaram project to fill the Mid Manair project. (SEE PAGE 2)

IMPORTANCE OF KALESHWARAM WILL BE KNOWN IN TOUGH TIMES: CM

HYDERABAD: Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao said the real importance of Kaleshwaram would be known only in difficult times. People have worked hard to construct the project. Officials have the responsibility of ensuring that there is no problem with drinking water and irrigation water in the State. It is a testing time for the Irrigation Department too, he said, adding that Telan-

gana State was not the same anymore. "We built projects to address water-related issues. Abundant water is available for drinking and irrigation needs. In times of crisis, you need to rise to the occasion and swing into action like soldiers. You need to prove yourself by taking the situation as a challenge. This experience will be useful in future to take on tougher challenges," he said.

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From there, half of the water should be drawn into the Lower Manair Dam and the remaining half to the SRSP through the flood-flow channel. Seeking daily updates on the conditions prevailing in the farm sector, the Chief Minister asked Agriculture officials to ensure an adequate supply of cotton seed and other crops to farmers who had to go for the second round of sowing.

The seed sown in the first round had either failed in the germination stage or withered away after sprouting due to the persisting dry spell, forcing farmers to go for second sowing. The Chief Minister directed Irrigation officials to take steps to finalise procedures for the management of pump houses of lift irrigation projects across the State by entrusting the task to Genco, a public sector company, instead of

opting for private contractors. He said as there was no possibility of getting water from the Nagarjuna Sagar to Paleru reservoir at this stage, water from Bayyannavagu should be released to Paleru to meet drinking water needs.

He also directed the Mission Bhagiratha Engineer-in-Chief to take stock of the water reserves in the reservoirs to meet the drinking water needs and ensure that there

was no drinking water problem. He made it clear that places facing water shortage must be attended to on priority. He said water levels in the Udaya Samudram and Koil Sagar reservoirs should be built up to address the water shortage in the ayacut. Ministers T Harish Rao, Vemula Prashanth Reddy, Errabelli Dayakar Rao, G Jagadish Reddy, Koppula Eshwar and A Indrakaran Reddy, Chief Secretary A

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बिहार में 23 जून से बारिश का सिस्टम लगातार सक्रिय है। 27 जून तक उत्तर बिहार में अधिकांश स्थानों पर बारिश हुई। जबकि दक्षिण बिहार में मौसम सामान्य रहा। 28 से एक जुलाई तक बिहार के सभी हिस्से में बारिश हुई। 32 जिलों में भारी बारिश हुई। बिहार में पिछले चार दिनों में लगभग 25 सौ एमएम बारिश हुई है। एक जुलाई को ही बिहार के 23 स्थानों पर 15 सौ एमएम से अधिक बारिश रिकार्ड की गई। फिर भी बिहार में छोटी नदियां सूखी हुई हैं। जबकि गंडक, कोसी, घाघरा नदियों में बाढ़ की स्थिति बनी हुई है। गंगा, सोन, पुनपुन नदी में पानी का स्तर लगातार बढ़ा हुआ है। इसके बाद भी पहाड़ी के साथ ही मैदानी हिस्से के कुछ नदियों में पानी नहीं है। बिहार में औसत से 65 प्रतिशत कम बारिश हुई है। सबसे कम बारिश मुजफ्फरपुर

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