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KCR seeks meet on July 20 with TS concerns

Nullify KRMB meet, says CM

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Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao on Saturday demanded the cancellation of the tripartite meeting of Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) scheduled to be held on July 9 following the complaint lodged by the Andhra Pradesh government against generation of hydel power by the Telangana state government.

Instead, Rao demanded that the KRMB hold a full-fledged meeting after July

20 and incorporate the issues raised by Telangana state in the agenda of the meeting.

The Chief Minister held a meeting with senior officials at Pragathi Bhavan to take stock of the situation arising out of the ongoing Krishna water row with AP.

The CM stated that the AP government's Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS) and Pothruredypadu were 'illegal projects' which Telangana would never accept.

He said RLIS was taken up without any approvals by

concerned agencies and without a single drop of water allocations made.

The Chief Minister reiterated that the Telangana state government would continue hydel power generation at projects over Krishna till water levels permitted and no one including the KRMB had the power to ask the Telangana state government to stop it.

He rejected the existing Krishna water sharing ratio of 66:34 between Telangana state and AP and demanded that it should be done in the ratio of 50:50.

Out of total 811 tmc ft (thousand million cubic feet) in the Krishna river allotted to undivided AP, both the states should share 405.5 tmc ft each till Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal delivered its verdict, he said.

The Chief Minister rubbished AP's claims that they were forced to release surplus water into the sea from Prakasam barrage due to Telangana state taking up hydel power generation upstream.

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He suggested that AP utilise the water to meet the needs in Krishna district and save power charges to be incurred for lifting Godavari water from the Pattiseema project.

TS had a large requirement of power for its lift irrigation projects and Mission Bhagiratha. To meet this demand, generating hydel power was necessary to reduce financial burden as well as pollution since hydel power was considered 51 per cent clean energy. The CM said the Centre too was encouraging states to opt for hydel energy and Telangana state was following suit. He added that 40 per cent of hydel power consumption was for lift irrigation needs.

Chandrashekar Rao said the Telangana state government would go to any extent to protect its justifiable share in the Krishna river. He expressed anger over Bachawat Tribunal failing to deliver a final verdict on Krishna water allocations even though it was constituted 17 years ago.

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[Raging Row]

State demands equal share in Krishna water

Rejects temporary allocation in ratio of 66:34 between Andhra Pradesh and TS

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

In a significant development, the Telangana government on Saturday refused to accept the illegal Pothireddypadu project being taken up by Andhra Pradesh on the Krishna river without any water allocation and environmental clearances despite the stay orders issued by the National Green Tribunal (NGT). It termed the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS), which lifts water to the Pothireddypadu canal, too as illegal.

Further, Telangana decided to call for the cancellation of the three-member meeting of the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) on July 9, and instead, seek a meeting with the entire board on July 20. It also decided not to allow usage of water for the Pothireddypadu project under any circumstances and argue before the KRMB against AP's illegal projects.



Telangana has decided to seek cancellation of the three-member meeting of the KRMB on July 9, and instead, wants a meeting with the entire board on July 20.

Chief Minister K Chandrababhu Naidu on Saturday held a high-level meeting at Pragathi Bhavan to discuss the RLIS issue besides reviewing the lifting of water into irrigation projects and hydel power generation in the State among others. Though the Bachawat tribunal allowed utilisation of en-

bloc allocations in Krishna water, Andhra Pradesh should use them only for the irrigation projects with assured water allocations.

The high-level meeting rejected the ongoing temporary allocation of Krishna river waters in the ratio of 66:34 between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. In-

Will use allocated water only: KCR

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stead, the government decided to demand allocation between both the States on a 50:50 ratio from the current year itself and accordingly, seek an allocation of half of 811 tmc of assured waters in Krishna river i.e. 405.5 tmc until the Krishna Water Tribunal makes final allocations.

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[Straight Talk]

'Will use rightful share of water'

KCR expresses anger over delay in allocation of TS' share in Krishna waters, says will fight Centre if needed

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao made it clear that Telangana will only use Krishna River waters from the allocations lawfully made to the State for meeting irrigation needs and also hydropower generation. He stated that none can object to this and the Telangana government would make its case before tribunals, boards like Krishna River Management Board (KRMB), courts and also other fora.

He said that Telangana had suffered for irrigation water for several decades in united Andhra Pradesh and such a situation would not be allowed under any circumstances after the State formation. He expressed anger over delay in allocation of Telangana's share in Krishna River waters even 17 years after the constitution of the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal. He asserted that he would fight with the Centre if necessary for the Telangana's rightful share in Krishna River water.

Speaking at the high-level meeting on Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme and other illegal projects by Andhra Pradesh, lifting water into the irrigation projects and hydel power

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— K CHANDRASHEKHAR RAO, CM



generation in Telangana State here on Saturday, Chandrashekhara Rao said unlike Andhra Pradesh where water can be diverted easily, Telangana must irrigate its lands by pumping water using lift irrigation schemes. He stated that while about 30 lakh borewells are operated in the State for irrigation water, about 40 per cent of total power consumption was done for irrigation purposes. "Considering the difficult terrain, Telangana has no option but lift water to meet its needs for both irrigation and drinking water," he pointed out.

The Chief Minister said Telangana was geographically located above sea level and there was no way to utilise water for irrigation purposes by gravity, despite different rivers flowing in the State.

He stated that the State has no option but lift water to meet its needs. "Due to neglect of the rulers of undi-

vided Andhra Pradesh for several decades, lands in Telangana have turned barren and farmers in Telangana were wronged. Hence, the construction of irrigation projects in the new State of Telangana has become a priority for the State government which completed lift irrigation schemes like Kaleshwaram, to meet the irrigation needs of Telangana," he said.

Rao stated that Telangana has become the Rice Bowl of India only through lifting river water to irrigate its lands and the government will construct more such lift irrigation schemes on both Krishna and Godavari rivers in near future. He said the government can supply water for both the crops by operating the hydel power projects to their full capacity in order to lift the water from the lift irrigation schemes.

"In addition to using the river waters constitutionally allotted to Telangana by

various tribunals for irrigation, we will also use the water allocated for hydropower generation to overcome the inevitability of lifting water for irrigation. The State Cabinet has also decided the same and the State government will not consider anyone's views against this. We will fight with anyone and to any extent for the agricultural needs of Telangana and the welfare of its farmers," he asserted.

However, the Chief Minister reiterated that the Telangana State would fully co-operate with its neighbouring States to exercise their rightful share of the river waters, but the people of Telangana will not remain silent to the use of unallocated assured waters.

He recalled that the then Chief Minister YS Rajashekhara Reddy had repeatedly announced inside and outside the Assembly that only flood waters would be used for Pothireddipadu and conveyed the same to the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal.

"But today, they violated these assurances and the people of Telangana will not tolerate the denial of water rights in the name of Pothireddipadu," he said.

Chandrashekhara Rao said it was not proper for anyone to ignore the basic natural

justice that it is only after needs of River Water Basin are fulfilled, out of Basin needs should be addressed. He said the demand for hydropower generation has increased in the wake of lift irrigation projects undertaken by Telangana State and made it clear that the government will operate lift irrigation schemes to irrigate the lands of Telangana.

Further, he pointed out that the Telangana State government had held discussions with the neighbouring Maharashtra State and constructed the Kaleshwaram project without causing any problem to Maharashtra government. In similar way, a friendly hand was extended to the Andhra Pradesh for resolving issues amicably, but the latter turned a deaf ear, which was unfortunate, he added.

Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar, Principal Secretary for Irrigation Rajat Kumar, CMO secretary Smita Sabharwal, Engineer-in-Chief Muralidhar Rao, CM OSD Sridhar Rao Deshpande, TSTransco and TSGenco chairman and managing director D Prabhakar Rao, TSGenco Director (Hydel) Venkataram and Additional Advocate General Ramachandra Rao, and senior officials of irrigation department attended the meeting.

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Water war reaches new high

KCR seeks full-fledged KRMB meeting after July 20

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THE Telangana Government has decided to take the ongoing water war between the two Telugu states to a new high.

A high-level review meeting on Irrigation chaired by Chief Minister K Chandrasekhara Rao on Saturday demanded that the meeting convened by the Krishna River Management Board on July 9 be cancelled. The TS government demanded a full-fledged meeting of the KRMB after July 20. It said that the full board meeting should include the issues related to Telangana State.

Stating that TS would not agree to the allocation of water for the Pothireddypadu project



which was being taken up 'illegally' by the Andhra Pradesh Government, KCR asked the officials to take this issue and put up a powerful argument before the board. He also directed the officials to prepare a detailed presentation on Pothireddypadu and Rayalaseema lift irrigation projects to be presented to the KRMB.

The meeting further decided that it will inform the KRMB that the temporary sharing of water between TS and AP which is 66:33 ratio should be altered and



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from this year and water allocation between the two States from River Krishna should be 50:50. The TS government will argue that of the 811 tmc feet assured water, TS and AP should share 405.5 tmc feet each.

KCR directed the officials to ensure power generation to its full capacity from Srisailem, Jurala, Nagarjuna Sagar and Pulichintala as long as water was available in these projects.

The meeting also felt that KRMB had no right to direct TS to stop

power generation. There is no agreement between the two Telugu States over power generation and hence KRMB cannot intervene regarding power generation, the meeting resolved.

Refuting the criticism of AP that water was going waste into the sea as TS was releasing water from these projects without consulting them, KCR advised them to utilise the water from the Prakasam barrage for irrigation and drinking water purposes in the Krishna delta region. **Continued on Page 5**

Tension continues at Sagar as TS generates power

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AMARAVATI: With no end to the stalemate between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana governments over utilisation of Krishna waters, the Telangana continues to go ahead with hydel generation and was releasing water from Srisailem, Nagarjuna Sagar and Pulichintala power projects resulting in huge quantities of water going waste into the sea for the third consecutive day. This has resulted in serious concern among the farmers of the Krishna delta ayacut. According to officials, TS had released 8,340 cusecs of water from Prakasam barrage in the last two days. **Continued on Page 5**

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BHARATIYA Janata Party State chief Bandi Sanjay Kumar wrote to the Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat seeking his intervention to notify the jurisdiction of Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to protect the legitimate interests of Telangana of its rightful share in Krishna waters.

In his letter, the Karimnagar MP said that the Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal (KWDT-I) has awarded 811 tmc ft of water to be utilised by the then combined state of Andhra Pradesh. The KWDT-II (Brijesh Kumar Tribunal) has made changes in the year 2010, but the same have not been published yet as the matter is pending with the Supreme Court. Following this, the current utilisation of waters being followed is as per the KWDT-I decision.

Further, as per the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act (APRA-2014), the KRMB and Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) were set up by the Centre to operate and maintain all the projects belonging to both the States on

inter-state rivers of Krishna and the Godavari respectively. However, their jurisdiction has not been notified so far, he pointed out.

He said that on the bifurcation of united AP, both the States had worked out a temporary arrangement for water distribution among themselves out of the 811 tmc ft of water. But, "Telangana government led by Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao had utterly failed in protecting the interests of Telangana and its people, agreeing to 299 tmc ft to be utilised by Telangana and the remaining 512 tmc ft by Andhra Pradesh.

Terming it unjustified, he said that 68.5 per cent of the catchment area of Krishna basin lies within Telangana. Accordingly, the State should get 555 tmc ft (68.5 per cent of 811

"The State should get 555 tmc ft (68.5 per cent of 811 tmc ft) as its due share. But, by agreeing to 299 tmc ft only, KCR has sabotaged the interests of the State and put at it a great disadvantage," Bandi Sanjay Kumar



ing canal system of Galeru-Nagari project to draw another 70,000 cusecs of water from Srisailem. However, these projects are illegal and are in violation of the water allocations made by KWDT-I. As per the APRA-2014, any new irrigation project or upgradation of the existing project on River Krishna should have the approval of the Apex Council and KRMB. This was not obtained by AP.

Bandi pointed out that how the Telangana government has failed to withdraw its petition in the Supreme Court lead to failure on the part of the Telangana government to allow the Centre to refer the issue to KWDT-II, also, not attending the Apex Council meeting on August 5, 2021 by the Chief Minister.

"Since KCR is in hand-in-glove with the CM of AP and failed to protect the water rights of Telangana," he requested the Union Minister to notify the jurisdiction of KRMB at the earliest so that the legitimate water rights of Telangana were protected by the Board, until the KWDT-II or a new tribunal is formed.

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Against this backdrop, the AP had issued a GO No 203 for the construction of Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS) to pump 3 tmc ft of water, upgradation of Pothireddypadu head regulator canal system to draw 80,000 cusecs of water, both from the foreshore of Srisailem reservoir and other upgradation works in the exist-

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