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## AT LOGGERHEADS

SETTING THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN THE STATE ONCE AGAIN ON FIRE WITH CHARGES AND COUNTER CHARGES OVER THE IRRIGATION SECTOR, THE CONGRESS, LED BY CHIEF MINISTER A REVANTH REDDY AND THE BRS, LED BY HARISH RAO, ACCUSED EACH OTHER OF HARMING THE STATE'S INTERESTS BY HANDING OVER CONTROL OF KRISHNA BASIN PROJECTS TO THE CENTRE

## BRS misleading on projects, says Revanth

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Asserting that the Congress government did not hand over any of the Krishna Basin irrigation projects to the KRMB, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Sunday accused former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao and former Minister T Harish Rao of spreading misleading information.

He alleged that it was the previous BRS government that initiated proceedings to hand over the Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailem projects to the KRMB.

Challenging Chandrashekhar Rao for a debate on the handing

over of the irrigation projects during the forthcoming Assembly session, Revanth Reddy said a white paper would be released on the irrigation sector. Every aspect, including handing over of projects would be discussed in detail for two days and if need be, more time would be allowed, he said. Accusing the previous government of ignoring Telangana's interests in the sharing of River Krishna water, he alleged that Chandrashekhar Rao had given his nod to handing over the sharing of Krishna and Godavari waters to the Centre when the AP State Reorganization Act was formulated. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Ready for debate, CM is clueless, says Harish

STATE BUREAU  
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Accepting the challenge thrown by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for a debate in the Assembly on the handing over of irrigation projects, BRS MLA and former Minister T Harish Rao said his party would give a befitting reply that would leave Congress leaders fumbling for answers.

Responding to the Chief Minister while speaking at the BRS LB Nagar Assembly constituency meeting, Harish Rao said that during the ten years of the BRS regime, notwithstanding the pressure exerted by the Centre, no irri-

gation project was handed over to the KRMB. "We laid down the condition that 50 per cent share of water should be given, Srisailem should be recognised as a hydel project and only 20 per cent of drinking water should be taken into account. Not even two months in office, the Congress government has handed over the projects putting the interests of the people of Telangana at stake," he said, stating that Revanth Reddy had no knowledge of the subject and was hence spitting venom.

Wasn't it the Congress that passed the Bill to hand over the projects to the Centre during State bifurcation he asked. (SEE PAGE 2)

## BRS misleading on projects...

Throwing the blame entirely on the previous BRS government for Andhra Pradesh getting a higher allocation of Krishna water, Revanth Reddy also cited documents from the 2023 Budget, stating that seed money of Rs 400 crore was allocated to KRMB and GRMB, besides handing over components of Srisailem, Nagarjuna Sagar and Peddavagu Medium irrigation project in the Godavari basin. Stating that officials had wrongly interpreted the decisions during the recent KRMB meeting, he said the State government had written to the KRMB on January 27 to correct the minutes of the meeting and stated no project would be handed over till Krishna water sharing was finalised. "In addition to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the Centre should also involve Karnataka and

Maharashtra governments to finalise Krishna water sharing disputes," Revanth Reddy said.

Accusing the previous government of failing to protest when the AP government was drawing excess Krishna water through the Rayalaseema lift irrigation project, Revanth Reddy said in 2004, the BRS was in alliance with the then Congress government and former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy had increased the drawing capacity of the Pothireddypadu project to four TMC against the interests of Telangana.

This apart, former AP Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu executed the Muchumari project to draw an additional half tmc per day of River Krishna water. The BRS leaders had kept silent then, he alleged.

## Ready for debate in Assembly...

"It was the late S Jaipal Reddy and Jairam Ramesh who drafted the AP Reorganisation Bill. Revanth Reddy has no idea on irrigation matters and he is talking in a cheap manner without understanding facts," Harish Rao said.

Holding the Congress government's ill-advised moves squarely responsible for losing the jurisdictional control over the Krishna basin projects, he said the decision to hand over the project to the KRMB would trigger a drinking water crisis. Hyderabad would face drinking water issues. If the projects were handed over to the KRMB, not just Hyderabad, but Khammam, Nalgonda and Mahabubnagar too would face irrigation and drinking water issues, he added. Stating that Revanth Reddy was not qualified to talk about Pothireddypadu, he said Revanth Reddy was in TDP at that time and had kept silent. The Congress outbursts against the

BRS were solely aimed at covering up its own blunders, he said. "We fought hard in the Assembly against Pothireddypadu. We stalled the Assembly for 30 days when water was being taken to Pothireddypadu. We have a history of throwing Ministerial posts within a year," he said, also pointing out Revanth Reddy's abusive language.

On Sunday morning, former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu had advised Revanth Reddy on sobriety in politics and a few hours later, the Chief Minister was abusing his political rivals using cheap and vulgar language. Pointing out that the Congress had slipped away from discussions stating that they were not prepared, he said the BRS was not like that. "We are not like that, we will boldly come to the discussion. They are talking the same way they used to talk when they were in the opposition," he said.

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## Telangana CM slams BRS on utilisation of Krishna river water

**HYDERABAD:** Telangana suffered more damage in the utilisation of Krishna river water during the BRS regime than it did during undivided Andhra as the previous government failed to safeguard the state's interests, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said on Sunday.

He said the BRS is trying to attack the Congress government by "covering up its own sins" on the issue of handing over projects on Krishna and Godavari rivers to Centre (river management boards). He countered the criticism of BRS leaders that handing over the projects to KRMB would hurt the state's interests.

This comes against the backdrop of Telangana and neighbouring Andhra Pradesh recently agreeing to hand over the management (regulation) of water release from the Srisailem and Nagarjuna Sagar projects, from 15 outlets based on them and spillways of the two joint storage facilities for the two states, to the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB).

The KRMB was constituted by the Centre as per the Andhra Pradesh Re-Organisation Act, 2014 for the administration, regulation, maintenance and operation of such projects, as may be notified by the Central Govt from time to time. PTI



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# Jal shakti min hints at 90% Union govt funding of ERCP

## Project Will Take Five Years To Complete, Says Shekhawat

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Jaipur:** Union jal shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Sunday said that 90% of the Rs 40,000 crore cost expected to be incurred on the "modified PKC-ERCP" project to provide water for drinking, irrigation, and industrial use in 26 districts, including 13 in Rajasthan, may be funded by the Union government.

At a press conference held in Jaipur, the minister said that the project would be completed in five years from the day of its construction. He said that the East Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) would provide 3,510 MCM of water annually, and the Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) project would provide 3,677 MCM of water for Rajasthan.

"There is a possibility of providing Central assistance to the extent of 90% of the total project, as against providing 60% of the cost under a national project," he said.

He slammed the leader of opposition in the Rajasthan assembly and Congress lea-



File pic of CM Bhajan Lal Sharma with Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav addressing a presser after signing the MoU on PKC-ERCP project

ders for spreading misinformation on the MoU signed by Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh with the Union jal shakti ministry. "They have been asking whether we have accorded national status to the project or not. I want to tell them the project doesn't need to be accorded a 'national project' status as it is now part of the Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) project of the Modi government," he clarified.

He said that under the modified project, the proposal is to provide all the requirements planned in the detailed project report (DPR) for ERCP prepared by Rajasthan in 2017

under the Vasundhara Rajegovernment. "I want to make it clear that nothing has changed in the project. In fact, the benefits have been extended. It will continue to have the target of providing drinking water to 13 districts (Alwar, Bharatpur, Dholpur, Karauli, Sawai Madhopur, Dausa, Jaipur, Ajmer, Tonk, Bundi, Kota, Baran, and Jhalawar). It will create a new command area of about 2 lakh hectares to stabilize the existing command area of about 80,000 hectares in 9 districts and provide water to industries," he said.

Under the ILR project, Ramgarh Barrage will be

constructed on Kul River, Mahalpur Barrage on Parbati River, Navneera Barrage on Kalisindh River, Mej Barrage on Mej River, Rathod Barrage on Banas River, Doongri Dam on Banas River, a water conductor system from Ramgarh Barrage to Doongri Dam, and renovations and integration of Isarda Dam with 26 tanks.

Countering the questions raised on the feasibility of the project by the Congress, he said, "The Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers (TF-ILR) has scrutinized the technical aspects of the project before accepting it, leaving no scope for any ambiguity."

Responding to former CM Ashok Gehlot's allegation that he had not pressed for a national status to the project, he said, "The Congress government never came to terms with the partner state, MP, even when it had Congress CM Kamal Nath. Time and again, the Congress government was aware of the technical errors they were making, but they were busy politicizing the issue and hurling abuses at me."

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# Partial Opening Of Okhla Sewage Plant Step Towards Cleaner River

One Of Six Streams To Start Treatment Work Soon, To Benefit 40 Lakh People

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**New Delhi:** The Okhla sewage treatment plant, which plays a crucial part in fulfilling Delhi govt's promise of cleaning the Yamuna by 2025, is likely to be partially started this month.

With a full capacity of treating around 170 million gallons per day (MGD) of sewage, this facility is billed to be Asia's largest STP. According to DJB, over the official capacity, the plant can treat more sewage.

"Initially, only one of the six streams of treatment will be commissioned for which the trials have started. We are trying to open this stream by this month. The rest of the plant will take some time as treatment of sewerage takes time," a DJB official said.

Recently, DJB vice-chairman Somnath Bharti inspected the plant to take stock of the progress made and said the board hoped chief minister Arvind Kejriwal would inaugurate the plant this month.

"We are trying to bring the plant to a level in the next 15-20 days so that it will be inaugurated soon," Bharti said during his visit to the plant on Feb 3.

The plant has faced commissioning delays because of

the pandemic lockdown, funds crunch and, recently, a strike by contractors. Initially, the plant was supposed to open in Dec 2022, but the deadline was shifted several times. In Nov last year, water

minister Atishi ordered DJB to start the plant by the end of the year. But that target also could not be achieved.

According to officials, after the operation of this plant, the Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) level of polluted water can be reduced to 10. The treated

water will help in cleaning up the Yamuna will also be useful for gardening and other work.

"As treating sewage takes time, one by one, the existing smaller plants will be shut down and the six streams will be made operational," the official said.

The govt earlier said that 40 lakh people will benefit as the plant will treat sewage from a significant population area in Delhi. It will generate 4.8 megawatts of electricity by producing biogas from sewage sludge, fulfilling half its energy requirements.

At present, the overall capacity of treatment of wastewater plants stands at 632 MGD across 35 STPs. Under the Yamuna Action Plan-3, three STPs at Okhla, Rithala and Kondli are being developed to augment the treatment capacity.

The DJB is also constructing small lakes near the facility to recharge the groundwater through the wastewater coming out of the STP so that it can be reused further for horticultural purposes.

## ABOUT THE STP

In a first, UV technology used in an STP, a technique commonly used in RO plants to make water drinkable



**Estimated cost**  
**₹665 crore**



**Centre and states have shared the cost**

➤ Plant will reach its full capacity after all six streams are operational

➤ Treatment capacity of the plant is approximately 170 million gallons per day



➤ A big artificial pond near the facility will recharge groundwater



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| First deadline  | Second deadline  | Third deadline  | Fresh deadline        |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Dec 2022</b> | <b>June 2023</b> | <b>Dec 2023</b> | <b>Feb-March 2024</b> |



# गति पकड़ेगा ईआरसीपी प्रोजेक्ट: केन्द्रीय मंत्री बोले-पांच साल में काम पूरा कर देंगे राजस्थान के 21 जिलों को मिलेगा 3,677 एमसीएम पानी, एक माह में बनेगी डीपीआर

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जयपुर . कोटा . टोंक . राज्य के बहुप्रतिष्ठित पार्वती-कालीसिध-चंबल ईस्टर्न राजस्थान कैनाल प्रोजेक्ट (पीकेसी-ईआरसीपी) में राजस्थान को 3677 मिलियन क्यूबिक मीटर पानी मिलेगा। इसके लिए एक माह में डीपीआर बनकर जल्द ही काम शुरू कर दिया जाएगा। केन्द्रीय जलशक्ति मंत्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेखावत ने रविवार को मीडिया से बातचीत में ये जानकारी दी। शेखावत ने बताया कि परियोजना शुरू होने के पांच साल के अंदर काम पूरा करके इसका उद्घाटन कर देंगे।

## इनको मिलेगा फायदा

झालावाड़, बारां, कोटा, बुंदी, सवाई माधोपुर, गंगपुर सिटी, करौली, धौलपुर, भरतपुर, डींग, वौसा, अलवर, खैरथल-तिजारा, जयपुर, जयपुर ग्रामीण, कोटपुतली-बहरोड़, अजमेर, ब्यावर, केकड़ी, टोंक, दूदू

## राजस्थान को देने होंगे

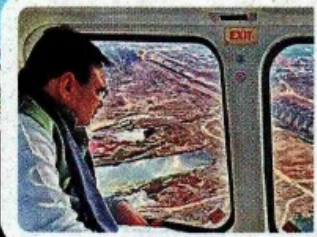
### चार हजार करोड़

केन्द्रीय मंत्री ने बताया कि अब इस परियोजना पर 40 हजार करोड़ रुपए की लागत आएगी, जिसमें से 90 प्रतिशत अनुदान केन्द्र सरकार देगी। राज्य सरकार को सिर्फ 10 प्रतिशत राशि यानी करीब 4 हजार करोड़ रुपए ही देने होंगे। इसमें राजस्थान के 21 जिलों को फायदा मिलेगा। इसमें पूर्वी राजस्थान के करीब तीन करोड़ लोगों को पानी मिलेगा। शेखावत ने बताया कि पीने के पानी के साथ ही सिंचाई और उद्योगों के लिए भी पानी मिलेगा।

## केंद्रीय मंत्री के साथ मुख्यमंत्री ने किया दो बांधों का निरीक्षण



कोटा . केंद्रीय मंत्री गजेन्द्र सिंह और सीएम भजनलाल शर्मा निर्माणाधीन नवनेरा एबरा डेम का निरीक्षण करते हुए।



कोटा . नवनेरा बांध के निर्माण कार्य का हेलीकॉप्टर से निरीक्षण करते हुए सीएम भजनलाल शर्मा।

## यमुना जल विवाद का भी निकालेंगे हल

शेखावत ने कहा कि जल्द ही हम हरियाणा के साथ चल रहे यमुना जल विवाद का भी समाधान निकालेंगे। इससे झुंझुनूं, सीकर और चुरू की जनता को फायदा मिलेगा

## कांग्रेस ने पांच साल में सिर्फ राजनीति की

केन्द्रीय मंत्री ने आरोप लगाया कि पांच साल तक कांग्रेस सरकार ने इस पर सिर्फ राजनीति करने का काम किया। तेरह जिलों के लिए प्रदेश की लाइफ लाइन को राजनीतिक अपेक्षा के आधार पर हथियार के रूप में उपयोग लिया गया, जिससे राजस्थान पीछे चला गया। पूर्व सीएम अशोक गहलोत के लिए शेखावत ने कहा कि शब्दों से कोई जादूगर नहीं बन जाता है। उन्होंने कहा कि मुझे नकारा, निकम्मा जैसे आभूषण पहनाए गए।

## जमीन अवाप्त करने के निर्देश

शेखावत ने बताया कि सीएम भजनलाल शर्मा ने रविवार को ही अधिकारियों को निर्देश दे दिए कि नदी जोड़ो परियोजना में राजस्थान में जहां-जहां जमीन लेने की जरूरत हो, उसे अवाप्त करने का काम शुरू कर दें और इसके लिए अलग से अधिकारी भी लगा दिया जाए ताकि जल्द से जल्द यह काम शुरू कर दिया जाए।

## निरीक्षण कर निर्माण की प्रगति जानी

मुख्यमंत्री भजनलाल शर्मा और केन्द्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री गजेन्द्रसिंह ने रविवार को ईआरसीपी के तहत कोटा जिले में कालीसिध नदी पर बन रहे नवनेरा एबरा बांध और टोंक के पास ईसरदा बांध के निर्माण कार्य का जायजा लिया और इसे जल्द पूरा करने के निर्देश दिए। नवनेरा बांध इस परियोजना का पहला बांध है। इसका करीब 90 फीसदी काम पूरा हो चुका है। मुख्यमंत्री और केन्द्रीय मंत्री को जल संसाधन विभाग के मुख्य

अभियंता राजेंद्र पारीक ने प्रजेंटेशन दिया और इसकी निर्माण प्रगति की रिपोर्ट भी प्रस्तुत की। लौटते वक्त सीएम और केन्द्रीय मंत्री ने बांध के काम का हवाई निरीक्षण भी किया। मुख्यमंत्री भजनलाल शर्मा ने बनेठा करबे के समीप बनास नदी पर निर्माणाधीन ईसरदा बांध का निरीक्षण किया। इस दौरान अधिकारियों की बैठक भी ली। बांध के निर्माण की प्रगति जानी। इसके अलावा हेलीकॉप्टर से बांध का हवाई जायजा भी लिया।