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State wants full KRMB meeting

AP working on Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation despite NGT order, alleges TS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 5

The Telangana state government on Monday wrote to the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) seeking to convene a full meeting of the board after July 20 instead of the three-member committee meeting scheduled to be held on July 9. The government stated that the technical teams in Telangana state were busy with management of irrigation schemes due to commencement of the kharif season.

Meanwhile, the TS government filed a petition with the National Green Tribunal (NGT) again on Monday against the AP government as the earlier contempt case against AP would be coming up for hearing on July 12.

The petition alleged that the AP government was working on the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS) though the NGT had ordered on October 29, 2020, to stop the project works until AP secures the requisite approvals. It urged the NGT to initiate action against the AP government and SPML Infra Ltd for wilful violation of the NGT orders by taking up RLIS works.

In his letter to KRMB chairman, irrigation special chief secretary Rajat Kumar expressed objection over the board member secretary mentioning discussion only on issues raised by Andhra Pradesh over utilisation of Krishna river waters in the July 9 meeting. He said several critical issues raised by Telangana state were not taken into consideration for discussion.

He said the TS government had sought discussion on revision of the water sharing ratio of Krishna river for the current water year, and steps

No solution in sight for farmers on land disputes

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Adding to the woes of four lakh farmers, whose land parcels were placed under Part-B as being disputed and are deprived of government benefits, the revenue department is issuing confusing statements asking them to apply for redressal of their grievances.

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Farmers are running around mandal revenue offices to know the status of their complaints. However, MROs are sending them back saying that the government has abolished powers to MROs to make any changes in land

records on Dharani portal and only district collectors have the powers to do it. Farmers are making a beeline to collector offices every Monday to submit petitions as the state government holds "Praja Vani" on Monday at all collector offices to enable people to meet collectors directly and lodge their grievances.

Due to Covid outbreak, the Praja Vani was stopped for a year. Though it was relaunched recently, collectors are not taking grievances directly but instead asking farmers to drop their complaints in the grievances boxes set up at collectorates.

shed does not involve consumptive use of water except for evaporation loss," he cited the extract of KWDT-I.

Rajat Kumar pointed out that water supply systems in the state were predominantly dependent on lift irrigation schemes requiring huge energy inputs during kharif season. Considering a severe power exigency in the state, he stated that power generation at Srisaillam would ensure the transmission of sufficient waters to Nagarjunasagar project which is critical for meeting the needs of agricultural and drinking water needs in Telangana. Under these circumstances, he stated that the Telangana government was constrained to reject the requests of AP to stop power generation from Srisaillam.

● **FURTHER, RAJAT** Kumar stated that the Srisaillam project was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in 1963 as a hydro-electric project (HEP) for supplying water to Nagarjunasagar project by power generation. The Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT)-I also held this as HEP without envisaging diversion of water to another watershed.

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"Srisaillam project being an HEP for generating power without diverting water to another water-

CJ bench refuses to hear farmers' plea

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Senior counsel Vedula Venkataramana appearing for the farmers said the plea should be heard by the same bench since the petition involved issues relating to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. As per roster, such matters are allocated to this bench, he stressed.

AAG Ramachandra Rao made a mention before the Chief Justice bench to hear the petition, as it was an inter-state water-related issue. The CJ declined the request of the AAG and made it clear that it will be heard by the roster bench.

After the lunch break, Justice Ramachandra Rao said the bench had got a clarification from the HC registry that it should hear the matter. Advocate-General B.S. Prasad immediately requested the judge to post it before the bench headed by the CJ. "When the matter was clarified by the CJ office, how can it be conveyed to them to hear the matter," the judge asked.

Thereon, the AG made an appeal requesting Justice Rao to recuse himself from hearing the writ petition. This was not agreed on by the judge. Finally, the AG dropped his request and the bench proceeded to hear the matter. When Vedula Venkataramana, senior counsel appearing for petitioners, tried to explain the issue of water usage, Justice Rao questioned counsel as to how the petition was maintainable. The judge said the Supreme Court had in 2008 decided that the issues related to interstate water disputes shall

Atmalinga Reddy case that had challenged the awarding of the hydel power project at Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) to the relatives of then Chief Minister Y.S. Rajashekar Reddy. The apex court had made it clear that when the enactment was made by Parliament to deal with sensitive issues like river valley matters, such establishments are the only authority to deal with the issues. "Such disputes cannot be the subject matter of petition either in High Court under Article 226 or in this court under Article 32 of the Constitution," the apex court had said.

Justice Rao Ramachandra Rao directed senior counsel Venkataramana to go through the SC orders in detail and come back to court on Tuesday.

AAG Ramachandra Rao tried to intervene and read the judgment of the apex court. Justice Ramachandra Rao stopped the AAG and cautioned him that when the Advocate-General was appearing in this matter, no one should try to come in or intervene, and asked the AAG to respect the office of Advocate General.

As the judge was giving information pertaining to the judgment, AAG Ramachandra Rao tried to explain further details of the verdict. At this stage, Justice Ramachandra Rao repeated that it was not correct on the part of AAG to represent in the matter when the AG was already appearing in the hearing.

The bench told all counsels concerned to go

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KRMB partial towards Telangana, says Jagan

Alleges TS continuing to blatantly violate AP Reorganisation Act

AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jaganmohan Reddy on Monday accused the Krishna River Management Board of adopting a discriminatory attitude against the State and acting with a bias towards Telangana.

He also alleged that the neighbouring Telangana government continued to “blatantly violate the provisions of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014” and act in a whimsical manner, causing a lot of distress to the state.

In a four-page follow-up letter to Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Monday, Jagan requested the former to prevail upon Telangana government to at once stop the indiscriminate drawal of

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water solely for power generation. “We have already complained to the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti on a number of occasions the nature of Telangana leadership to violate all established norms, principles and procedures in vogue with the main intention to put the state of Andhra Pradesh in distress by depriving its due share of water,” Jagan said. The number of unauthorized projects being con-

structed by Telangana (on river Krishna) was also brought to the Ministry and the KRMBs notice, he added. “In spite of repeated complaints and requests to prevail upon Telangana to stop execution of the unauthorized projects, without appraisal of detailed project reports by KRMB and scrutiny by the CWC, no effective steps have been taken so far,” the Chief Minister regretted.

He said the KRMB “has shown and been showing” discriminatory attitude against the interests of AP. “KRMB acts swiftly on false complaints made by Telangana but ignores the genuine complaints of AP, though we have time and again requested it to act in a fair manner,” he said. PTI

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TS goes full throttle against AP projects

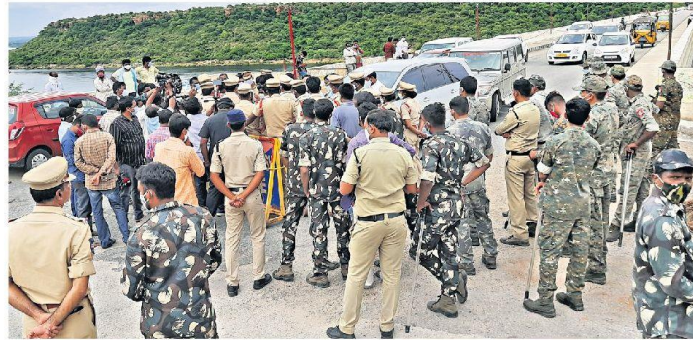
Seeks full body meeting of KRMB after July 20, approaches Chennai bench of NGT to file petition against RLIS

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

With the Andhra Pradesh government refusing to stop the illegal construction of Rayalseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS) and Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) right canal in violation of norms, the Telangana government is leaving no stone unturned to protect the interests of its farmers. Apart from seeking a full body meeting of Krishna River Management Board (KRMB), the State government had approached the Chennai bench of National Green Tribunal and filed a petition against the RLIS.

The Telangana government on Monday sought convening a full board meeting of the KRMB instead of the three-member committee meeting to be held on July 9. It urged the KRMB chairman to convene the full board meeting on a mutually convenient date after July 20, considering that the technical teams in Telangana were busy with management of various irrigation schemes due to commencement of the Kharif season.

In a missive to the KRMB chairman, Special Chief Secretary for Irrigation Rajat Kumar expressed reservations over the Board Mem-



Police personnel stand guard outside Nagarjuna Sagar Dam as water row escalates.

Leaving No Stone Unturned

Special Chief Secretary for Irrigation Rajat Kumar observed that several critical issues raised by TS were not taken into consideration

• Telangana had sought discussion on revision of water sharing ratio of Krishna for the current water year at the **JULY 9 MEETING**

It also wanted AP to immediately stop construction on the illegal RLIS and RDS Right Canal

• State also wanted a discussion on granting of additional share of **45 TMC** to Telangana in Krishna waters subsequent to clearance of Polavaram project by the CWC as per Bachawat award

ber Secretary mentioning discussion of only issues raised by AP over utilisation of Krishna waters during the proposed three-member committee meeting on July 9. He observed that several critical issues raised by Telangana were not taken into consideration for discussion. He reiterated that the Telangana government

had sought discussion on revision of the water sharing ratio of Krishna for the current water year, and steps to stop construction of the illegal RLIS and RDS Right Canal by Andhra Pradesh immediately. The State government also sought discussion on granting of additional share of 45 TMC to Telangana in Krishna waters

subsequent to the clearance of Polavaram project by the Central Water Commission as per the terms of the Bachawat award, reckoning 20 per cent of total water drawn as usage towards drinking water supply, and appropriate accounting of savings by Telangana out of water releases ordered by KRMB. (SEE PAGES 2, 7)

Jagan writes contrasting letters, hits self-goal

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

In his eagerness to stall hydel power generation from the Srisailem project by the Telangana government and emerge as the saviour of Andhra Pradesh among people by taking up the Rayalseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS), Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy shot letters to the Centre, but in his haste, admitted to the fact that the RLIS is being built illegally.

Very interestingly, his letters to Union Ministers Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Prakash Javadekar seek the Centre's intervention to get environmental clearances in utter violation of established laws and practices.

In his letters to the Union Ministers, Jagan made contradictory remarks over the RLIS. Writing to the Jal Shakti Minister, he claimed that the RLIS and the Pothireddypadu head regulator, along with other existing projects such as Srisailem Right Bank Canal

IN A LETTER TO JAL SHAKTI MINISTER, THE AP CM CLAIMED THAT RLIS AND POTHIREDDYPADU HAD ALL APPROVALS. ON THE CONTRARY, HE WROTE TO THE UNION ENVIRONMENT MINISTER SEEKING EXPEDITIOUS GREEN NODS FOR THE RLIS

(SRBC), KC Canal, Telugu Ganga Project in Andhra Pradesh, are legitimate schemes and have all approvals besides water allocation by Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-I.

On the contrary, he sought the intervention of the Union Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change to direct the Experts Appraisal Committee (EAC) for River Valley Projects to issue environ-

mental clearances. Thus, he was seeking the Union Environment Ministry to influence an independent body like EAC to yield and provide an early environmental clearance for the construction of the RLIS.

Further, Jagan complained that Telangana was not allowing water levels to be built up in the Srisailem reservoir and had utilised 19 tmc of the 26 tmc flowed in from June 1 for power generation by drawing water at 796 feet itself. He claimed that Telangana was generating power at below 834 feet, which is the Minimum Draw Down Level (MDDL) for power generation.

While it may be mentioned that the MDDL was fixed during the united Andhra Pradesh regime without any concern for the interests of the Telangana region, the Telangana government after the State formation has been insisting on a fresh study to revise and fix the MDDL for which the AP government is not extending any cooperation.

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[In Abundance]

Telangana receives excess rainfall

Cumulative rainfall from June 1 to July 5 is 233.1mm against normal rainfall of 159.7 mm; monsoon expected to peak this month

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

The Southwest monsoon, which arrived in the State on June 5, a week ahead of the scheduled arrival, has resulted in the State receiving excess rainfall than the normal rainfall. Much is in store with officials expecting the monsoon to peak in the State during this month and in August.

The cumulative rainfall recorded from June 1 to July 5 in the State is 233.1mm against the normal rainfall of 159.7 mm with a deviation of 46 per cent. Save for Vikarabad district, which recorded deficient rainfall with a negative deviation of 21 per cent, majority of the districts have recorded largely excess and excess rainfall so far.

Compared to last year's rainfall of 225.7 mm during June 1 to July 5, the State received a notch higher rainfall (233.1 mm) this year during the corresponding period. Similarly, in GHMC limits, the cumulative rainfall from June 1 to July 5 is 143.6 mm against normal rainfall of 123.1mm with a deviation of 17 per cent. On Monday, the highest rainfall of 39.9 mm was recorded at Veldanda in Nagarkurnool district.

South-west monsoon

According to Telangana State Development Planning Society (TSDPS), the period from June to Sep-



Water gushing out of Poloni Vagu following heavy rains at areas under the Ieeja municipality in Jogulamba Gadwal district on Monday.

tember is referred as Southwest Monsoon. The Normal annual rainfall of the State is about 905.3 mm and about 80 per cent i.e, 720.5 mm of annual rainfall is received from Southwest monsoon.

This year, the Southwest monsoon arrived in Telangana on June 5, nearly a week ahead of the schedule. Generally, the normal onset of monsoon in the State is on June 12.

By June 10, the entire Telangana was covered by Southwest Monsoon and since then most parts of the State have been receiving steady rains.

Heavy rains lash Ieeja in Gadwal

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Heavy rains lashed the Ieeja municipality and neighbouring areas in Gadwal district on Monday resulting in overflowing of canals and flooding in different areas.

The rains commenced around 9 am and continued for over an hour leaving many streets in the colonies of the Ieeja municipality and several areas in different villages under sheets of water. In few areas, people

had to pump out the water from their houses using utensils.

The overflowing water from the Poloni stream left many areas in Chinna Tandrapadu, Pulikal and Uttanur villages submerged affecting traffic flow.

The movement of people and vehicles was badly hit in Chinna Thandrapadu, Venisompuram, Nauroji camp, Keshavaram, Chinna Dhanwada, Nasanur and other villages. At many places, vehicles got stuck in

knee-deep waters, putting passengers to inconvenience.

According to Telangana State Development Planning Society (TSDPS), the highest rainfall of 76 mm in the State on Monday was recorded at Rajoli mandal in Gadwal, followed by 60 mm in Waddepally mandal in Gadwal.

Chinna Thandrapadu received 58.3 mm, followed by Ieeja (54 mm), Venkatapur (47 mm) and Mallapuram (28.8 mm) in Gadwal.

Tribals stage protest, seek aid

ADILABAD: Under the aegis of Tudum Debba, a tribal rights organisation, a large number of Adivasis laid siege to the office of Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) in Utnoor, demanding that authorities concerned extend support to tribals who were affected by recent rains coupled with gales at Mallapur village in Indervelli mandal, on Monday.

The tribals submitted a representation to ITDA Project Officer Bhavesh Misra narrating their demands. They wanted groceries required for six months to the affected families of the village. They demanded compensation of Rs 1 lakh to each family, provision of fertiliser to farmers and to grant double-bedroom houses to every household.

The Adivasis led by leaders of Tudum Debba arrived at Utnoor mandal centre using different means of transit. They staged a demonstration in front of the office of ITDA titled Kumram Bheem complex. They carried banners and raised slogans against officials of the agency for failing to support the tribals belonging to the village. They were also seen playing traditional musical instruments.

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Water released from Nizam Sagar

STATE BUREAU

Kamareddy

Much to the delight of farmers in erstwhile Nizamabad district, the State government has released water from Nizam Sagar project to cater to the needs of cultivation during Vaanakalam (Kharif) season. Assembly Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, along with Roads and Buildings Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy, formally released the water on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, Pocharam Srinivas Reddy said water was being released from Nizam Sagar project in the first week of July after several decades. He credited the achievement to Chief Minister K Chandrashekhhar Rao who had completed the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme to ensure water availability throughout the year. "The Kaleshwaram project had brought the past glory to Nizam Sagar. The Nizam Sagar project has been receiving water from Kondapochamma Sagar since last summer, and currently 7.4 TMC water is stored," he said. He said water will be released in a phased manner to irrigate



Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, along with R&B Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy, releasing the water, in Nizamabad on Monday.

about 1.3 lakh acres during the monsoon season. He advised farmers to use water sparingly without any wastage.

Minister Prashanth Reddy said about 1.5 TMC water was pumped from Kaleshwaram project to Nizam Sagar project during the summer season, enabling the officials to release water to cater to the needs of farmers. He stated that

the Chief Minister was ready to provide another 2 TMC, if needed. He thanked the Chief Minister for supplying water from both Godavari and Manjeera Rivers to fill Nizam Sagar project which in turn was providing water to fields in erstwhile Nizamabad district.

On the occasion, the Minister announced sanctioning of Rs 20 lakh for laying CC roads and drainages in

Hasanpalli village of Nizam Sagar mandal. Along with the Speaker, he planted saplings in the village as part of the Palle Pragathi programme. Later, they inspected Guldastha guest house.

MP BB Patil, Zilla Parishad chairperson D Shobha Raju, Collector A Sharath, MLA Hanumanth Shinde and other officials were present.

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Monsoon may reach Delhi by July 10, most-delayed in 15 yrs

New Delhi, July 5: The southwest monsoon will reach Delhi around July 10 this year, making it the most-delayed in the last 15 years, the India Meteorological Department said on Monday. "The monsoon is likely to advance over remaining parts of west Uttar Pradesh, some more parts of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan and Delhi around July 10," the IMD said in a statement.

The weather system is very likely to increase rainfall activity over northwest and central India from July 10, it said.

According to Kuldeep Srivastava, the head of the IMD's regional forecasting centre, the monsoon had reached the capital on July 7 in 2012 and July 9 in 2006.

In 2002, Delhi received

its first monsoonal showers on July 19. The city had recorded the most-delayed monsoon arrival on July 26 in 1987. Normally, monsoon reaches Delhi by June 27 and covers the entire country by July 8.

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After arriving two days late in Kerala, the monsoon had raced across the country, covering eastern, central and adjoining northwest India seven to 10 days earlier than normal.

But then, with conditions remaining unfavourable for its advance, the monsoon weakened and entered a

"break" phase.

The meteorological office had earlier predicted that the wind system may reach Delhi by June 15, which would have been 12 days early.

Normally, monsoon reaches Delhi by June 27 and covers the entire country by July 8. Last year, the wind system had reached Delhi on June 25 and covered the entire country by June 29.

Delhi has received 43.6 mm rainfall against the normal of 75.7 mm so far a deficiency of 42 per cent, since the monsoon season started on June 1.

Central Delhi, which has got 89 per cent less rainfall than normal, is the second-most rain-deficient district in India after Kistwar in Jammu and Kashmir.

—PTI

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YSR writes to Centre on water projects

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, 5 JULY

Andhra Pradesh chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has written to the Centre complaining about Telangana government's decision to run hydel power projects even though there is not enough water in the shared reservoirs across river Krishna. Seeks environmental clearance for a new irrigation project which has proved to be the bone of contention between the two states, even as the neighbouring state retaliated with complaints to the Centre to withhold clearance citing the fragile ecology of the forest areas in the vicinity.

Reddy wrote both to Union minister for environment and that of water resources complaining about Telangana's "whimsical" decision to continue generating power using the reservoirs shared by both states and allowing the water to flow into the sea instead of storing it, thereby depriving Andhra Pradesh of its share of the water from Krishna.

The AP chief minister complained to water resources minister Gajendra Singh Sekhawat that Krishna River Management Board was being discriminatory and is "repeatedly proposing for site visit of Rayalaseema Lift Scheme under the guise of NGT (National Green Tribunal) order, ignoring Andhra Pradesh's prior requests to visit the unauthorised project sites of Telangana that are in the advanced stage of exe-



cution without any approvals and allocations of water."

He urged the minister to ensure that all off-takes from the shared reservoirs are brought under control of KRMB and security to the projects provided by CISE. The Telangana police has deployed additional forces at Nagarjunasagar and have even barred visits by tourists.

While writing to minister for environment Prakash Javadekar, Reddy pointed out that the actions of Telangana has forced Andhra Pradesh to take up Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation project to supply water to the chronically parched region and urged him to expedite environmental clearance for the project which does not require any land acquisition and is located beyond 10 km of eco-sensitive zone. Telangana has opposed the project on the ground of fragile ecology as there are several parks including a tiger project in the area. However, Telangana's irrigation secretary wrote to KRMB chairman has said the board has included only those issues raised by AP and not critical matters by Telangana. His government has sought revision of water sharing ratio to make it 50-50 between two states and steps to stop construction of Rayalaseema Lift irrigation project.

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'Monsoon to reach remaining parts of north India by July 10'

The moist easterly winds in lower level from Bay of Bengal is likely to establish gradually over parts of eastern India from July 8 onwards

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: After a break, Southwest Monsoon is set to revive and spread to remaining parts of north India including Delhi by July 10, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Monday.

According to the latest numerical weather prediction model guidance, the Southwest Monsoon is likely to revive gradually over the south peninsula, including west coast and adjoining east-central India from July 8.

A low pressure area is likely to form over west-central and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal off north Andhra Pradesh-south Odisha coasts around July 11, it said.

The moist easterly winds in lower level from Bay of Bengal is likely to establish gradually over parts of eastern India from July 8 onwards. It is likely to spread into northwest India covering Punjab and north Haryana by July 10.

"Accordingly, southwest monsoon (is) likely to advance over remaining parts of west Uttar Pradesh, some more parts of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan and Delhi around 10th July," the IMD said.

"This is very likely to cause increase rainfall activity over northwest and central India from July 10, the IMD said.

After a good spell of rains in the first two and half weeks of June, the Southwest Monsoon has not advanced further since June 19.



People bathe at Kharanja waterfall following monsoon rains in Mirzapur on Sunday

PIC/PTI

Delhi, Haryana, parts of west Uttar Pradesh,

Punjab, west Rajasthan are yet to see the arrival of the monsoon.

In its forecast for July, India Meteorological Department said the country as a whole will witness good rainfall this month.

However, parts of north India, some parts of south peninsula, central, east and northeast India could witness rainfall in the category of normal to below normal.

It added that the conditions are not favourable for the monsoon's progress till July 7 due to the lack of a weather system.

The northern Limit of southwest monsoon (NLM) is currently passing through Aligarh, Meerut, Ambala and Amritsar, the IMD said.

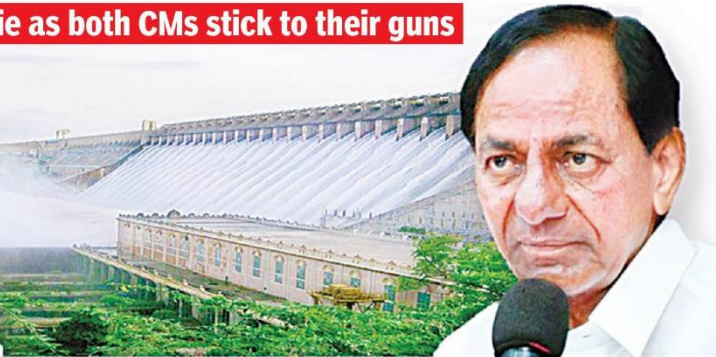
WATER IS THICKER THAN BLOOD

Jagan finds fault with KRMB for favouring Telangana Stop RLIS, TS pleads with NGT

In a missive to Union Minister, Jagan said the KRMB "has shown and been showing" discriminatory attitude against the interests of AP. "KRMB acts swiftly on false complaints made by TS, but ignores the genuine complaints of AP"



No bonhomie as both CMs stick to their guns



TS government lodged a contempt petition before the NGT requesting it to act against Andhra Pradesh for not stopping the construction of the controversial Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme project

**HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD**

CHIEF Minister of Andhra Pradesh Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday accused the Krishna River Management Board of adopting a discriminatory attitude against the State and acting with a bias towards Telangana. Jagan found fault with the KRMB's move to visit the

Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme under the guise of an NGT order without inspecting the sites in Telangana where unauthorised projects were in advanced stages of execution. He requested the Union Minister of Jal Shakti to direct the KRMB to first visit the project sites under execution in Telangana before visiting RLS.

In a follow up letter to Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Jagan said the KRMB "has shown and been showing" discriminatory attitude against the interests of Andhra Pradesh. "KRMB acts swiftly on false complaints made by Telangana but ignores the genuine complaints of AP, though we have time and again re-

quested it to act in a fair manner. KRMB, which is supposed to be a neutral body to safeguard the interests of both the member States, is acting with a bias towards Telangana," the letter said. He further said that the neighbouring Telangana government was acting in a whimsical manner causing distress to the state.

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HYDERABAD**

THE Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) has come under the firing line of both the Telugu States as both have accused the board of being partial. While TS alleged that KRMB was taking swift actions on the complaints of Andhra Pradesh, the neighbouring State ac-

cused the KRMB of being partial towards TS. It also urged the KRMB to convene a full board meeting after July 20 instead of a 3-member committee.

The Telangana State Government on Monday lodged a contempt petition before the NGT (National Green Tribunal) requesting it to act against Andhra Pradesh for not stopping the construc-

tion of the controversial RLIS (Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme) project. It said the tribunal had sought an explanation from the KRMB on the contempt case filed against violations in the construction of the RLIS project recently and warned that if the project works were not stopped it may seek the arrest of AP Chief Secretary.

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Jagan finds fault with KRMB for favouring Telangana

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He said it was blatantly violating the provisions of the AP State Re-organisation Act 2014. Jagan requested the former to

prevail upon the Telangana government to at once stop the indiscriminate drawl of water solely for power generation. "We have already complained

to the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti on a number of occasions on how TS was intentionally violating all established norms, principles and proce-

dures to cause harm to the interests of AP and deprive the state of its due share of water.

"In spite of repeated complaints and requests to prevail

upon Telangana to stop execution of the unauthorised projects, without appraisal of detailed project reports by KRMB and scrutiny by the CWC, no effective steps have been taken so far," the AP Chief Minister regretted.

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15 साल बाद देर से दस्तक देगा मॉनसून

इससे पहले वर्ष 2006 में नौ जुलाई को राजधानी आया था मॉनसून

पावनियर समाचार सेवा। नई दिल्ली

इस वर्ष करीब पंद्रस साल में सबसे अधिक देर से दिल्ली में दस्तक देगा मॉनसून। भारत मौसम विज्ञान विभाग (आईएमडी) ने सोमवार को बताया कि दक्षिण पश्चिम मॉनसून इस साल 10 जुलाई के आसपास दिल्ली पहुंचेगा। इससे पहले 2006 में नौ जुलाई को मॉनसून दिल्ली पहुंचा था।

आईएमडी के क्षेत्रीय पूर्वानुमान केंद्र के प्रमुख कुलदीप श्रीवास्तव के मुताबिक साल 2002 में दिल्ली में पहली मानसूनी बारिश 19 जुलाई को हुई थी। शहर में सबसे देर से मॉनसून

1987 में 26 जुलाई को पहुंचा था। केरल में दो दिन देर से दस्तक देने का बाद मॉनसून रफ्तार पकड़ते हुए सामान्य से सात से 10 दिन पहले देश के पूर्वी मध्य और उत्तरपश्चिमी हिस्से में पहुंच गया था लेकिन उसके बाद इसके आगे बढ़ने के लिये हालात प्रतिकूल बने रहे। मॉनसून कमजोर होकर रुक रुककर आगे बढ़ने लगा।

आमतौर पर मॉनसून 27 जून तक दिल्ली में दस्तक दे देता है और आठ जुलाई तक पूरे देश में पहुंच जाता है। एक जून को मॉनसूनी सीजन शुरू होने के बाद से अब तक

दिल्ली में 43.6 मिमी बारिश हुई है जो सामान्य यानि 75.7 मिमी से 42 प्रतिशत कम है। मध्य दिल्ली में सामान्य से 89 प्रतिशत कम बारिश हुई है।

राष्ट्रीय राजधानी दिल्ली में बारिश थमते ही गर्मी ने अपना प्रचंड रूप दिखाना शुरू कर दिया है। सुबह 10 बजते ही कड़ी धूप हो जा रही है। इससे लोगों का घर से बाहर निकलना मुश्किल हो गया है। वहीं, मौसम विभाग का कहना है कि अभी बारिश की कोई संभावना नहीं दिख रही है। अगले तीन दिन तक मौसम शुष्क रह सकता है।