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CHIEF MINISTER
ANDHRA PRADESH

D.O.Lr.No.44/CM-Addl. Secy/2021, Dt.05-07-2021

Shri. Javadekar ji,

Namaskaram,

Sub: Rayalaseema Lift Scheme – Permission to proceed with execution by arranging environmental clearance – Requested - Regarding.

Ref: D.O.Lr.No.36/CM-Addl. Secy/2021, Dt. 10-06-2021.

I would like to draw your kind attention to the facts mentioned in my earlier DO letter at reference cited above, regarding considering the prior Environmental Clearance for the Rayalaseema Lift Scheme which is proposed to supplement the existing irrigation projects namely, TGP, SRBC, GNSS, KC Canal and Drinking water to Chennai City having an allocation of 111 TMC in KWDT-I and mentioned in Para 10 of Eleventh Schedule of APR Act,2014, to be drawn through Pothireddypadu Head Regulator from a level of +854 ft and above.

In this connection it is appropriate to bring to your kind notice the whimsical attitude of the State of Telananga in generating power from the common reservoirs of both the States on Krishna River unilaterally violating all the operational protocols, agreements and directions of the Krishna River Management board depriving the right of the State of Andhra Pradesh to utilise its allocated water.

The Telangana State started utilising Srisaillam reservoir water from the day one of the water year 2021-22 i.e 01-06-2021, for power generation though the current reservoir levels are well below +834 ft which is the Minimum Draw Down Level

(MDDL) for the generation of power. This is done unilaterally without raising any indent before KRMB although there is no irrigation requirement under Nagarjuna Sagar Project and Krishna Delta System. It may be noted that power generation is only incidental to irrigation needs.

Telangana is not allowing water levels to be built up in Srisailem reservoir and they have utilised 19 TMC out of 26 TMC of inflows from 01-06-2021 for power generation as it is drawing water at 796 ft itself. It has been brought to your kind notice in my earlier letter that, unless a level of +854 ft is reached water cannot be drawn through gravity from Pothireddypadu to meet drinking, irrigation needs of the chronically drought prone Rayalaseema region, SPSR Nellore, Prakasam districts and also to supply drinking water to Chennai city. It is also brought to your kind notice about the number of unauthorised irrigation projects of Telangana like Palamuru Rangareddy LIS and Dindi LIS which are being constructed at 800 ft level without Environmental Clearance (EC), which will make it very difficult for the reservoir levels to be built up above +854 ft and will not allow us to draw the allocated quantities.

In view of the prevailing scenario, the State of AP is left with no option but to go for Rayalaseema Lift Scheme to supplement 3 TMC of water per day to the existing projects i.e. TGP, SRBC, GNSS and Drinking water to Chennai City from a level of +800 ft. In view of the whimsical way of water drawal by Telangana in blatant disregard to the norms and protocol, it is necessary to commence and complete RLS at an early date.

However, in obedience to the orders of the Hon'ble NGT, SZ, Chennai on prior Environmental Clearance in O A No.71 of 2020, an application was filed to the MoEF & CC for consideration. The Environmental Appraisal Committee (EAC) under MoEF & CC met on 17-06-2021 and after thorough deliberations on the proposal, requested

for some additional information and the same was uploaded on 30-06-2021. On the receipt of the same, it is informed that EAC is meeting again scheduled on 07-07-2021 to deliberate on the proposal for issue of prior Environmental Clearance for Rayalaseema Lift Scheme. It is pertinent to mention here that the DPR for Rayalaseema Lift was also uploaded to Central Water Commission (CWC) on 30-06-2021 in the stipulated proforma.

It is requested that your good office may issue necessary instructions to issue Environmental Clearance for the proposed Rayalaseema Lift Scheme at an early date so that the scheme can be commenced and completed early. This scheme doesn't involve Land Acquisition, Forest area, Wild Life Sanctuary and located beyond 10 Kms of Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ).

Hence, I request your kind intervention to direct the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to issue necessary amendment to the existing Environmental Clearances as noted supra and to permit to proceed with the execution of works of Rayalaseema Lift Scheme at an early date as any delay in this regard will adversely affect the interests of the State of Andhra Pradesh in view of the whimsical attitude of the state of Telangana.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

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