

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1350
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

Godavari-Banakacherla Project

1350. SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received proposal regarding Godavari-Banakacherla project from the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any decision on the said project in the light of the concerns raised by the State of Telangana;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) to (e) The Ministry had received a proposal (Proposal No. IA/AP/RIV/540417/2025), dated 05.06.2025, seeking grant of Terms of Reference (ToR) for undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study for the proposed Polavaram–Banakacherla Link Project (PBLP). The proposal was appraised by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for River Valley and Hydro-electric Projects in its meeting held on 17.06.2025. The EAC has recommended that the Project Proponent should approach Central Water Commission (CWC) for examining the inter-state issues and grant of necessary clearance/ permission/ NoC before submitting the proposal for framing the TOR for conducting EIA study. Accordingly, the EAC recommended return of the proposal.
