

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3228**  
ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018

**FILLING UP OF TANKS**

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water users association of Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh has requested to fill up 200 tanks in Nuzvid, Mylavaram, Nandigama and Tiruvuru regions under the Nagarjuna Sagar Ayacut area and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that though the water level reached the peak stage in Nagarjuna Sagar reservoir, sufficient water was not released into the Sagar left canal and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the association is demanding 11,000 cusecs of water without obstruction for one month to the left canal so that the water reaches the tail-end areas in Tiruvuru, Gannavaram, Nuzvid, Mylavaram and Nandigama areas in Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that around 2.36 lakh acres are being cultivated in these areas in Kharif seasons and the farmers are facing hardships due to insufficient water flow in the left canal and if so, the details thereof and study conducted by the Government in this regard along with the steps being taken to solve this issue on top priority?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

- (a) No information is available in this regard in MoWR, RD & GR.
- (b) During the water year 2017-18, the peak level reached in Nagarjuna Sagar Reservoir was 577 ft (on 03.11.2017) corresponding to a storage capacity of 274.36 TMC against full reservoir level (FRL) of 590 ft corresponding to a storage capacity of 312.05TMC.

Nagarjuna Sagar Project and Srisaïlam Project are operated in tandem. The live storage of Nagarjuna Sagar Project is 180.38 TMC and live storage of Srisaïlam Project is 162.00 TMC. These, alongwith inflows received into Srisaïlam Project, give peak water availability of 505.70 TMC. In the water year 2017-18, the total availability of water in the system of Srisaïlam and Nagarjuna Sagar

Projects was 433.00 TMC against peak stage availability of 505.70 TMC. The allocation agreed, against this peak stage availability of 505.70 TMC, to Nagarjuna Sagar Left Canal for Telangana is 99.75 TMC and for Andhra Pradesh is 32.25 TMC, totalling to 132.00 TMC.

The releases to Nagarjuna Sagar Left Canal are made by Telangana as per water release order issued by Krishna River Management Board (KRMB), from time to time. The water release order is decided with mutual agreement by Andhra Pradesh and Telangana based on the indents placed by the two States as per their priorities.

The indents received in water year 2017-18 for water releases through Nagarjuna Sagar Left Canal in respect of share of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana together were about 68.50 TMC. Out of which, 58.178 TMC has been released as on 08.03.2018 and the remaining will be fully supplied and utilized as per further indents placed by the two States.

(c) No specific information is available in this regard. However, the farmers associations have been representing to KRMB for continuous supply of water to reach the tail end areas. The representations have been forwarded to Engineer-in-Chief(I), Telangana with a request to instruct concerned field staff to deliver water at A.P. border, as per the water release orders.

(d) No specific information is available regarding area cultivated under Kharif season in these areas. The Nagarjuna Sagar Left canal is common to both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, with its control up to Andhra Pradesh border being under Telangana. The Andhra Pradesh border is about 281 km from the Head Regulator. The farmers have represented that they are facing hardship due to insufficient water flows in the tail end of the canal. However, as and when, the grievances are received from the farmers associations and Government of Andhra Pradesh, the same are being forwarded to Engineer-in-Chief(I) Telangana with a request to instruct concerned field staff to deliver water at Andhra Pradesh border, as per the water release orders.

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