

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3357
ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018

DECLARATION OF KALESHWARAM PROJECT AS NATIONAL PROJECT

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

- (a) whether the regional conference of Southern States has taken place at Hyderabad recently and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Telangana has once again raised the issue of granting national status to Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action has been taken in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the stand of the Government on the issue?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) Yes, Madam. The Regional Conference of Southern States on Water Resources was held at Hyderabad on 20th February, 2018 to discuss the water related issues among the Southern States. Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation chaired the Conference. Five States namely Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Union Territory of Puducherry took part in the Conference apart from officers from MoWR, RD & GR, CWC, NWDA, GRMB, KRMB, CGWB and Polavaram Project Project Authority (PPA).

(b) Telangana Government raised the issue of declaration of Pranhita-Kaleswaram project as National Project by including the same in their Agenda item.

(c) & (d) Central Water Commission (CWC) has sent comments/ observations to the Project Authority after appraisal of the DPR of Kaleshwaram Project. A view on declaring it as a National Project will be taken as per extant Guidelines for the purpose once it is recommended by TAC and Investment Clearance is given by MoWR, RD & GR.