

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2608

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NATIONAL IRRIGATION PROJECT STATUS

2608. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to declare the national project status to any irrigation related projects in the country including Kaleshwaram and Palamuru-Rangareddy projects in Telangana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the requests/representations received from each State including Telangana and the action taken thereon till date along with the funds sanctioned/spent for this purpose by Centre/State Governments till date; and
- (d) the reasons for not declaring the national project status and for not releasing any funds to such big irrigation projects in each State including Telangana?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (d) For inclusion of a project for funding under National Projects (NP) scheme of this Ministry, it is required to be first appraised by Central Water Commission (CWC), and accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Projects (Advisory Committee) of this Ministry. Subsequently, the State Government concerned is to submit a proposal in the prescribed format regarding inclusion of the project under the NP scheme. As per laid down norms of NP scheme, the project is then required to be considered by the High Powered Steering Committee (HPSC) for examining if the project meets the contours of the NP scheme. On being recommended by HPSC, and as per availability of funds etc., Government of India may approve inclusion of a project under the National Projects scheme.

Apart from the projects already included under the NP scheme, the HPSC has considered two proposals for inclusion under NP scheme. One is Kosi-Mechi link project of Bihar, which was recommended by the HPSC in Nov., 2020 for inclusion under the scheme, at project cost of Rs. 4,900 crore at 2015-16 price level. However, it has not been possible to include Kosi-Mechi link project as the State Government has conveyed its inability to agree to the funding pattern of 60% (Centre) : 40% (State) for the project. The other project considered by HPSC is Upper Bhadra project of Karnataka, with an estimated cost of Rs. 16,125.48 crore (excluding the on-farm development cost), which has been recommended by the HPSC in 2022 at the funding pattern of 60% (Centre) : 40% (State) for the balance cost.

As far as inclusion of Kaleshwaram or Palamuru Rangareddy projects of Telangana under the NP scheme is concerned, the State Government has not submitted any proposal to this Ministry in this regard.
