

Resolution

The Polavaram Project is proposed to be constructed as per the provisions of Interstate Agreements among the states of Odisha, Chattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra & Karnataka and also as per the provisions of GWDT Award 1980. Maintaining the Full Reservoir Level (FRL) at +150ft is very essential for commandability of Ayacut, diversion of 80 TMC of Godavari water to Krishna River and supply of 23.44 TMC for Industrial needs of industries in and around Visakhapatnam and for generation of 960MW Hydro Electric Power. Further, the proposed FRL has been arrived at after thorough discussions amongst co-basin states. The project has been examined by all the statutory bodies and the same has been cleared after detailed scrutiny. The issue of submergence due to the project was studied by the Expert committee formed by the state of Andhra Pradesh and it concluded that there would not be any substantial reduction in area of submergence even if the design is changed, while benefits from the project would be drastically reduced. Due to the Construction of Polavaram Project, some villages in Bhadrachalam Revenue Division (the Mandals of Kunavaram, Vararamachandrapuram, Chinturu and Bhadrachalam) and Palvancha revenue Division (Mandals of Velaripadu, Kukunuru and Burgampadu) would come under submergence. In order to implement the Resettlement & Rehabilitation scheme it is essential that all the submergence mandals of the project be included in the State of Andhra Pradesh, which is implementing the project. The state of Andhra Pradesh intends to implement the R&R

scheme in true spirit and with human touch for all the Project Affected Families.

It is to be noted that out of 571 Revenue villages in Bhadrachalam Revenue Division, which was originally part of Andhra State, only 280 Revenue villages are transferred to Andhra Pradesh by an ordinance dated 29th May, 2014. This leaves 291 Revenue villages of erstwhile Andhra in Telangana. Further 23 villages of Munagala Paragana belonging to Munagala, Nadiguda and Kodada mandals of Nalgonda which were part of Andhra State are included in the State of Telangana.

Hence this House resolves that Government of India should ensure that the Polavaram Project is constructed within 3 years as a National Project according to the already approved designs and also enact legislation transferring all the submergence mandals under Polavaram Project to Andhra Pradesh in the Parliament immediately.