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Title: Regarding Krishna-Godavari river linking project - laid

SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY (NANDYAL): I commend the Government for increasing the allocation to Ministry of Jal Shakti by 13.5% during 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. This will help bridge the estimated gap to complete various programmes like National Water Mission, River basin Management etc. I would like to take this opportunity to draw attention towards Krishna- Godavari river linking project.

Sir, Krishna river is a deficit basin, compromising the stabilization of Krishna delta. The average inflow into Srisailem reservoir, the main source of supply for Rayalaseema region, has reduced from 1,230 TMC to 456 TMC over the last 52 years. On the other hand, the river Godavari is showing a surplus of 2,780 TMC on an average in the last thirty years. This surplus water drains into the Bay of Bengal. We assess that surplus water at Dowlaiswaram can be taken to Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailem Dams and from there to the backward districts of Rayalseema and Prakasam.

This project will provide relief to scarce rainfall zone farmers and help increase the farm productivity of Agriculture.