

Title: Regarding setting up of the office of Krishna River Management Board at Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh.-laid

SHRI RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU (NARSAPURAM): The Government of India has decided to shift the Office of Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) from Hyderabad to Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, as per the provisions of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 and asked the Andhra Pradesh government to suggest suitable place. Subsequently, Andhra Pradesh government sent proposal to shift the KRMB office to Visakhapatnam citing its connectivity and convenience. However, Telangana Government objected to the proposal as it was against the decision taken in the Apex Council meeting, as also Visakhapatnam is far from Krishna River Basin. Even the Rayalaseema water users' associations of Krishna River Basin requesting to Shift the KRMB Office in Nandyal or Kurnool instead of Visakhapatnam as it is about 400 km away from Krishna River Basin and Visakhapatnam is no way connected to the matter.

Nevertheless, if the board is situated near the Srisailam Project, it would be more helpful to the board officials to manage regulate water releases and power generation of Srisailam Project. Considering all the above, I request the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, to set up the office of KRMB at Vijayawada which is ideal place and avoid all confusions and controversies.