

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3846
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
PENDING IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Union Government to constitute a high level committee in his Ministry to resolve the pending techno economic, environmental and inter state issues relating clearance to Irrigation projects of the State particularly to Inchampally and Polavaram projects on river Godavari;
- (b) if so, whether the said Committee has since been constituted and the main terms of reference of the Committee;
- (c) whether issues relating to environment and power are also involved in these projects;
- (d) if so, whether Andhra Pradesh has also requested the Union Government to associate the representatives of the Environment Ministry and Central Electricity Authority in the said committee;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether these Ministries have since been associated in the said committee; and
- (g) if so, the time by which the committee is likely to give its recommendations to clear the above projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (g) A High Level Committee has been constituted on the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh on the 6th July, 2000 under the Chairmanship of Member, Water Planning & Projects

(WP&P), Central Water Commission (CWC) with representatives from Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa, Chief Engineer (Project Appraisal), CWC, as Members and Chief Engineer (Irrigation Management), CWC, as the Member Secretary and, representatives from the Central Electricity Authority, Central Ground Water Board, National Water Development Agency, Ministry of Environment and Forests as invitee Members to resolve the inter-state issues involved in Inchampalli and Polavaram Projects. The Committee is likely to submit its report by January, 2001.