

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:641  
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2005  
AID TO ANDHRA PRADESH FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government for aid to take up Pranahita-Chevella, Itchampalli and Dummgudem, Nagarjunasagar tail pond link projects as national projects;
- (b) if so, the response of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to be helpful for the State to meet its irrigation demand?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

- (a) The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in his letter dated 21.8.2005 addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister has requested that three projects namely
  - (i) Pranahita-Chevella Project,
  - (ii) Inchampalli and
  - (iii) Dummgudem to Nagarjuna Sagar Tail Race Pond Link Project may be considered by Government of India as National Projects and that the State Government may be assisted by providing Rs. 25, 000/- crore as a special package to development backward areas of the State.
- (b) & (c) At present the Government of India has not adopted the concept of "National Project".