

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2474  
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2011  
CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh is contemplating to construct a dam across the River Palar;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith its impact on the availability of water resources to the districts which are having source of water only from Palar River in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether Government of Tamil Nadu has sought assistance from the Union Government to solve the issue amicably; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) The Government of Tamil Nadu through their letter dated 1.2.2006 has intimated that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has initiated proposal of constructing a reservoir across Palar near Kuppam in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) According to the Government of Tamil Nadu the proposed project by Andhra Pradesh will affect the water supply in Vellore, Kanchipuram and Chennai districts.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Two inter-state meetings on Palar River issue were convened by Central Water Commission with the representatives of the Government of Tamil Nadu and the Government of Andhra Pradesh in 2008. It was decided in second inter-state meeting held on 26.8.2008 that Central Water Commission would carry out studies jointly with both States to arrive at water availability at various points in the basin, the outcome of which would form the basis for further deliberations in the next meeting. A study group with the representatives of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu along with officers of CWC as members has been constituted for carrying out the Hydrological studies for Palar river basin. This Study Group held 6 meetings between from 24th June, 2009 to 26 November, 2010. The Study Group submitted its Joint report on 29.11.2010 to the State Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

The third inter-state meeting on utilisation of Palar river water by Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh was held by Central Water Commission on 24.12.2010 at New Delhi to discuss the findings in the joint report on Hydrological studies of Palar river and to deliberate on the issues involved to arrive at consensus. However no Consensus emerged during the last meeting.