

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1975  
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NATIONAL WATER PROJECTS  
Shetkar Shri Suresh Kumar

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to declare Pranahita-Chevella and Polavaram projects as national projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposals for inclusion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita-Chevella Sujala Sravanthi Project and Indira Sagar Polavaram Project in the scheme of National Projects in July,2010 and April,2009 respectively.

(c) The proposal of Indira Sagar Polavaram Project will require clearance of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), High Powered Steering Committee for National Project and finally clearance of the Union Cabinet.

The State Government was requested to submit the proposal of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita-Chevella Sujala Sravanthi Project for inclusion under the scheme of national project after obtaining investment clearance from the Planning Commission.

A new project is declared as national project after ascertaining its eligibility for assistance and availability of funds and thereafter obtaining the approval of Union cabinet.