

>Title: Need to close the construction of sluices of Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme on Tungabhadra river in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY (MAHABUBNAGAR): Sir, I am raising a very important issue. Already, an inter-State water war has started in the country...*(Interruptions)*

कुंवर अखिलेश सिंह : अध्यक्ष जी, मेरा नोटिस चार दिन से है। जिस स्वतंत्रता सैनानी की बंदोबत हम यहां बैठे हैं, उसी पर है। (ब्यवधान)

SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY : Sir, a water war has started between the inter-States. Today, Tamil Nadu is fighting with Karnataka; and Karnataka is fighting with Andhra Pradesh.

Sir, today, I would like to bring it on record that the Andhra Pradesh Government is encouraging inter-District water war. This is a very important issue for the Telengana region and especially for Mahabubnagar district from which I hail. There is a Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme which is a joint project of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. It was built on Tungabhadra river which gives water to Mahabubnagar district in Andhra Pradesh. Bachawat Tribunal, which looks after sharing of Krishna river water, has allotted 15.90 TMC of water to Alampur and Gadwal villages through Rajolibhanda Diversion Scheme, to irrigate 87,500 acres of land.

But in 1952 when the partition took place, Tungabhadra River Board went to Karnataka. At that time, Nizaam who had built a bund to divert water to Alampur and Gadwal for not going to Kurnool, had left construction of some sluices. Construction of three sluices are still open today. But the State Government is taking no action on this. Instead of 15.90 TMC, only 7.8 TMC of water is coming to the allotted Mahabubnagar district.

Hence, I request the hon. Minister of Water Resources to intervene...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Sir, I am from the same district. I should also be allowed to say a few words on this...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Your name will be associated with him.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY : Sir, I request the hon. Minister of Water Resources to intervene in the matter and see that water sluices are closed, and Gadwal and Alampur villages get the water flow for the said 87,500 acres of land immediately...*(Interruptions)*

Sir, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is still encouraging the inter-District water war between both these districts. So, I want the Centre to intervene and see that the construction of sluices is closed immediately. Thank you.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Sir, I also want to say a few words on this.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, your name is associated with him.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (MIRYALGUDA): Let me say it, Sir. (Interruptions)