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Title : Need to accord approval to the three pending Irrigation Projects submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for environmental clearance.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO (GUNTUR): Following three proposals sent by the Government of Andhra Pradesh are pending with the Government of India for Environment and Forest Clearance.

Dummugudem Lift Irrigation Scheme to lift 10 TMC of water from 6.5 KM down stream of Bhadrachalam town and 1.5 KM upstream of Dummugudem anicut on the right bank of Godavari River in Khammam District to irrigate 1.63 lakhs acres at an estimated cost of Rs. 1550 crores in Phase-I.

Veligonda Project in Prakasam District is proposed in two phases with a total expenditure of Rs. 3000 crores to irrigate 4.38 lakh acres in 29 Mandals of Prakasam, Nellore, Kadapa districts. The projects will provide drinking water facilities to 15 lakh people. In stage one, the expenditure is estimated to be Rs. 1,142 crore and will irrigate 1.19 lakh acres and provide drinking water to 4.0 lakh people.

Galeru-Nagari Sujala Sravanthi project envisages drawal of 38 TMC of flood water from Krishna river from the foreshore of Srisailem Reservoir through SRBC system up to Gorakallu Reservoir and thereafter through an independent flood flow canal to feed nine storage reservoirs and utilize the water for irrigating 3.25 lakh acres in Kadapa, Nellore and Chittoor Districts. The project involves two phases with the first phase accounting for Rs. 1888 crore and irrigation potential of 35,000 acres; Second phase involves expenditure 2112 crores and irrigation potential of 290,000 acres.

I request the Government to clear these pending projects at an early date.