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Title: Need to repair the damaged canals and spillways of Nagarjunasagar Dam in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI M. VENUGOPALA REDDY (NARASARAOPET): Nagarjunsagar Dam Project in Andhra Pradesh comprises dam and two main canals. For the last five decades, the project has been providing irrigation facility to 3 million acres of agricultural land located in Guntur, Praskasam, Nalgonda, Khammam, Krishna and West Godavari districts and also generating hydropower of 960 MW. During October, 2009 floods in Krishna river took place in Andhra Pradesh and Nagarjunasagar Dam flood gates were opened to release the flood water of over 25 lakhs cusecs. A whopping 946 TMC flood water has been discharged from 1 October to 6 October, 2009 from Srisaillam Dam to Prakasam Barrage through Nagarjunsagar Dam which received unprecedented rain water in last 100 years.

At present, the Masonry dam is in a dangerous, unsecured position and major damages have been caused to spillways. In certain places damages have also occurred in surface concrete lining and also in lower portion. Even after 10 months little work has been done to repair the damaged portion.

For the last two months heavy rains are pouring in catchment area of Krishna basin in the states of Karnataka and Maharashtra. Srisaillam dam can take input of 60 TMC of water and Nagarjunasagar dam input could be 120 TMC and it totals to 180 TMC. Now the people of my constituency and experts are worried that the safety of the dam may be in jeopardy if flood occurs before the spillway is repaired.

I urge the Central Government to impress upon the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to repair the damaged canal system of Nagarjunsagar dam.

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