

Inspection report on status of Rayalaseema Lift Scheme on down stream of Pothiredypadu Head Regulator, District Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh in the matter of M.A. No. 02 of 2021 (SZ) & M.A. No. 03 of 2021 (SZ) in Original Application No. 71 of 2020 (SZ) in the matter of Gavinolla Srinivas Vs Union of India, and Ors.

1. Background:

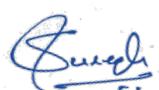
The Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 16.08.2021 had directed the MoEF&CC to file an independent statement regarding the allegations made in the applications in respect of the alleged violation said to have been committed by the State of Andhra Pradesh. In this regard, Ministry vide letter no. L-11011/01/2020-JA-I (R) dated 02.09.2021 directed Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Vijayawada to conduct site visit and provide actual status as alleged by applicant. Based on the directions of Hon'be NGT, the site inspection conducted on 06.09.2021 and the factual observations are as follows:

2. Observations:

The site inspection was conducted by Dr. Suresh Babu Pasupuleti, Scientist-C, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Vijayawada on 06.09.2021. During the day of inspection, Shri R. Muralinatha Reddy, Chief Engineer & DWRO, Shri M. L. N. Vara Prasad, Executive Engineer, Shri P Subha Kumar, Executive Engineer and Other Officials were present.

It has been observed that the MoEF&CC granted three Environmental Clearances (ECs) for various canals of the project and the details are as follows:

SN	Name of the Project	Project Name
1	Telugu Ganga Project (TGP)	P&F Dept. vide letter no. J-11016/70/83-IA dated 19.09.1988
2	Srisailam Right Branch Canal (SRBC)	MoEF vide letter no. J12011/7/95-IA.I dated 07.07.1995



3	Galeru Nagari Sujala Sravanthi (GNSS)	MoEF vide letter no. J-12001/18/2006-IA-I dated 21.06.2006
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The photographs at the project site during the day of inspection are as follows:

Figure-1: Upstream view of the Approach Channel



Figure-2: View of FOREBAY



Figure-3: View of Pump House location and opening of tunnels for downstream pipelines.



Figure-4: Side view of Pump House



Figure-5: Side view of FOREBAY



Figure-6: View of Downstream viz., Pipe Line and Delivery Cistern.



Figure-7: Batching Plants.



It has been observed that there are no signs of progress in project construction works and all construction equipment's/machineries viz., drilling, batching plants, trucks, JCBs, labour hutment, etc., are under shutdown/periodic maintenance condition. Earlier procured construction materials were stored at the project site.

It has been stated by Project Proponent is that the works undertaken till date is required for the purpose of the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for which Hon'ble NGT has permitted.

It has been observed that the detailed technical joint committee inspection report by Krishna River Management Board (KRMB), Hyderabad has already submitted in front of Hon'ble NGT, SZ, Chennai in the month of August, 2021.

The main aim of Rayalaseema Lift Scheme is to supplement 3 TMC/day to SRMC on D/s of Pothireddypadu Head Regulator in Kurnool District, when the water level is below +854.00 ft in Srisaillam reservoir.

In this regard, Project Proponent vide proposal no. IA/AP/RIV/214491/2021: F. No. J-12011/18/2006-IA.I (R) titled Environmental clearance for Rayalaseema Lift Scheme to supplement 3 TMC per day to SRMC on D/s of Pothiredypady Head Regulator, which is an integral part of 1. Galeru Nagari Sujala Shravanthi (GNSS) Project in District Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. 2. Srisaillam Right Branch Canal, Andhra Pradesh. 3. Telugu Ganga Project,

Andhra Pradesh-Amendment to the Existing Environmental Clearance to include Rayalaseema Lift Scheme has submitted to MoEF&CC and is being appraised by Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for River Valley and Hydroelectric Projects.

3. Conclusions:

1. There are no signs of progress in project construction work activities and earlier procured construction materials were stored at the project site.
2. Project Proponent submitted amendment to the existing Environmental Clearance to include Rayalaseema Lift Scheme to MoEF&CC vide proposal no. IA/AP/RIV/214491/2021: F.No. J-12011/18/2006-IA.I (R) and is being appraised by Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for River Valley and Hydroelectric Projects.



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