

**Declaration of Pranahita-Chevella Project as National Project**

\*208. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sent any proposal to declare Pranahita-Chevella Project as a national project;
- (b) if so, when the proposal was sent along with other details;
- (c) the progress made so far for declaring the above project as a national project; and
- (d) the reasons for delay in declaring it as a national project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL):

(a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal to declare Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita Chevella Sujala Sravanthi Project as National Project to Government of India in July 2010.

(c) and (d) The Detailed Project report of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita Chevella Sujala Sravanthi Project, AP was received in Central Water Commission (CWC) for techno-economic appraisal in October, 2010. The DPR was returned to the State Government/Project Authorities in February, 2012.

The project proposal is covered under the Godavari Water Dispute Tribunal Award. The CWC has sought from the State Government a revised estimate after completion of pre-requisites like finalization of the water availability, constitution of the Joint Committee, finalization of inter-state agreement with Government of Maharashtra and obtaining various statutory clearances. The compliance to the observations on hydrological aspects, which was submitted by the project authorities on 08.08.2012 is now under examination in CWC.

A new project is declared as national project after ascertaining its eligibility for assistance, which includes investment clearance from Planning Commission, clearance from Expenditure Finance Committee/Project Investment Board, recommendation of the High Powered Steering Committee and approval of Union Cabinet. The Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita Chevella Sujala Sravanthi Project of Andhra Pradesh does not have any of the above clearances for declaring it as a National Project.