

Seventeenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Regarding maintenance of Srisailam and Nagarjuna Sagar dam.

SHRI LAVU SRIKRISHNA DEVARAYALU (NARASARAOPET):

Thank you, hon. Speaker, Sir. I would like to bring to the attention of the House an important matter regarding urgent maintenance of Srisailam and Nagarjunasagar Dams.

The Srisailam Dam is the second largest capacity working hydroelectric station in the country. Nagarjunasagar Dam is the tallest masonry dam and has the largest canal system in India. A large quantum of people in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are dependent on these two dams. Some repair work has been carried out in the Srisailam dam but recommendations made by the DRIP expert panel lie unimplemented. The widening plunge pool at the base of Srisailam is in a dangerous situation.

In 2020, the right canal gate of Nagarjunasagar dam broke away and a huge quantity of water got wasted during that time. Therefore, the entire dam needs maintenance to prevent more such accidents. An influx of capital and manpower is needed to ensure safety.

Sir, I request that urgent repair work should be carried out on Srisailam and Nagarjunasagar dams with the help of the Government. The plunge pool management, which is an important aspect of dam maintenance and safety, requires urgent attention. A dam burst analysis of both dams should also be conducted to record the effects, in case the dams burst.(*Interruptions*)

Sir, both these dams fall under the jurisdiction of Krishna River Management Board (KRMB). Instead of quoting technicalities and shying away from this, the hon. Jal Shakti Minister should own this responsibility and focus on ensuring dam safety. Thank you, Sir.