

**Regarding need to constitute an apex committee to address the problems posed to Telangana by Polavaram Multi-Purpose Irrigation Project-Laid**

**SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY (KHAMMAM):** The Polavaram Multi-Purpose Irrigation Project, initiated by Andhra Pradesh, aims to utilize the Godavari River water with a Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of +45.72 meters and a storage capacity of 194.60 TMC. The backwater effect from this project is expected to inundate agricultural fields and areas in Telangana's Bhadrachalam district, including Burgampahad, Aswapuram, and Dummugudem mandals. The rising water levels will submerge about 1,090 acres of land. Flood banks were constructed in 2002-03 along the Godavari to protect Bhadrachalam and its surroundings. However, the backwater effect, worsened by local streams like Kinnerasani and Murredu, has caused severe flooding, particularly in Bhadrachalam. In response, the Telangana Government has proposed the construction of additional flood banks at an estimated cost of Rs. 4,100 crores. These banks would extend over 83 kilometers along both flanks of the Godavari, from Sanjeev Reddypalem to Ammagaripalli and from Bhadrachalam to Dummugudem Mandal. I urge for the formation of an Apex Committee by the Minister of Jal Shakti to address the backwater issues caused by the Polavaram project, based on the proposal of Telangana Government.