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Title: Need to include Andhra Pradesh under the National Drainage Technology Programme to enable the State to undertake research and adopt drainage improvement measures. – Laid.

SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI (BAPATLA): The State of Andhra Pradesh is one of the prosperous agricultural States of India, significantly contributing to the production of food grains, oilseeds and commercial crops. The production and productivity of crops will be further enhanced in this State if due attention is paid to the drainage improvement. It is understood that the State has not been included in the National Drainage Technology Programme, contemplated by the Union Government.

The State of Andhra Pradesh has got oldest deltas. The soil being heavy in these areas, the State is facing severe problem of water logging and impeded drainage. An estimated area of about 1.1 m ha. suffers from drainage congestion and water logging, a large part of which lies in Krishna-Godavari delta.

So, the State Government has requested the Government of India to include the State of Andhra Pradesh in the National Drainage Technology Programme for undertaking research as well as on far trains/demonstrations for large scale adoption of drainage improvement measures in the common areas of the State. An early action by the Government of India in this regard will be greatly appreciated.