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Title: Need to provide adequate security to the Nagarjuna Sagar Dam in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI M. VENUGOPALA REDDY (NARASARAOPET): I wish to bring to the notice of the Government, about the security of Nagarjuna Sagar Dam, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. Nagarjuna Sagar Project is the world's largest masonry Dam. There is also Hydro Electric Project. Being prominent Dam, there is need of high level security to safeguard it.

During 2006, Laskhar-e-Taiba operative confessed sending pictures of the Dam as well as the Reservoir to Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI). It is learnt that the Dam is now provided with only 74 Special Protection Force men consisting of one Sub Inspector of Police, 18 Head Constables and 55 Constables to guard the Dam and the Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Limited hires private security personnel to man the Hydro Electric Project. It is further learnt that the Special Protection Force is patently ill-equipped to deal with the threats being posed by terrorist outfits.

During February, 2013 the Superintendents of Police of Guntur and Nalgonda Districts have paid a visit to the Dam, reviewed the security and felt that the security would have to be stepped up and suggested various measures to increase security of the dam.

I feel till now no proper steps have been taken in respect of stepping up of the measures with regard to security of the Dam. I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs to furnish the information regarding the security now being provided to the Dam both from the side of Central and State Governments to protect the Dam from the threat of Inter Services Intelligence (ISI), Naxals etc.

Finally, please provide CISF security immediately.