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Title: Need to accord National Project status to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pranhita-Chevella Sujala Sravanti Irrigation Project in Telangana.

SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY (MAHABUBNAGAR): The Pranhita-Chevella irrigation project is a life-line for seven backward and most drought-prone districts of Telangana. It seeks to divert 160 TMC of allocated water from River Pranhita, a major tributary of river Godavari, which would otherwise go unutilized. It has already been granted an in-principle clearance from the Central Water Commission (CWC) in April, 2010, and the Detailed Project Report is in an advanced stage of clearance in CWC. Currently, no project in Telangana has been declared as a National Project. This project will enable us to utilize the Godavari waters to address rural poverty and drinking water needs of the State.

Therefore, I strongly urge the Government to extend National Status to Dr. BR. Ambedkar Pranhita-Chevella Sujala Sravanti Project with immediate effect as it satisfies all the necessary norms and criteria stipulated for consideration as a National Project.