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Title: Need to approve Flood Control Project for Amravathi in Andhra Pradesh.

**SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR):** Foundation stone for new capital Amaravati was laid last October by PM and Amaravati is going to be an amalgamation of 'Navaratnas' – Knowledge city, financial city, health city, education city, tourism city, electronics city, sports city, etc. For flourishing of these 'Navaratnas', there is a need to protect Amaravathi from the vagaries of nature and one of the important features of nature in Amaravathi is flooding. So, to protect 'Navaratnas', there is a need to have flood control system.

As per the Master Plan of the Capital, 13,500 acres covering 54 Kms. of area is prone to floods. So, to address this problem, Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to take up flood control works under flood control management system in the above areas with an estimated cost of Rs. 1,096 crores. Under this, Government of Andhra Pradesh intending to take up online flood control system of reservoirs, diversion of flood to Western Krishna delta and also divert water from Neeru Konda to Krishna river through Western Krishna delta.

Due to financial constraints, Government of Andhra Pradesh decided to approach World Bank for financial assistance and I understand the proposal has reached Ministry of Water Resources. It is so important that without flood control/management system, the entire capital city project of Amaravathi, which is being built with an estimated cost of US\$4 billion, is like *dīya* in whirlwind.

So, I request the Government of India to give its consent to the project and forward the same to the World Bank for its assistance so that flood control project is completed in time.