

## **Middle Kolab Multipurpose Project, Odisha**

This new Project in Godavari Basin envisages construction of a diversion barrage across river Kolab in Koraput district of Odisha and an earthen dam of gross capacity 135 MCM at Kerajodi Nallah (a small tributary of River Kolab). A link/flood flow channel of 38.55 km is proposed from the diversion barrage to divert the flood flows of Kolab River into the Kerajodi dam. An irrigation barrage on Kolab river d/s of confluence of Kerajodi with Kolab. It is also proposed to construct a power house to produce 315 MW power near dam on Kerajodi and released water will be picked from irrigation barrage on Kolab. Project will benefit 25543 Ha of area in the command of project and annually benefit 40004 Ha. area. The proposed cost of the project is Rs. 1649.12 Cr. at 2014 Price Level.

Project is under appraisal in CWC.

Design organizations of CWC observed that no detailed **Survey and Investigation (S&I) work** has been carried out by the project authority/ consultant WAPCOS for the preparation of DPR of Middle Kolab MPP. Govt. of Odisha representatives/ consultant told that due to Insurgency/ Naxalite problem, it is very difficult to carry out S&I studies. But, Design organizations of CWC insisted on adequate S&I for proper appraisal of design parameters, since the height of the dam is 94 m which is quite high.

Telangana has objected to the proposal as it may affect projects & river regime in d/s. Technical Clearance has been given by GRMB in August, 2018, however it has been mentioned that the comments of Telangana may be considered in TAC. Govt. of Chhattisgarh has disagreed with this project as it shall reduce the flow in the river in Sukma Distt of Chhattisgarh.

The Govt. of Chhattisgarh has raised certain issues regarding obstruction to change of flow of water towards Chhattisgarh state at the hydraulic control structures built for interstate water distribution on Indravati river vide ltr dated 29.05.2019.