

Telijore Irrigation Project

The Feasibility Report (FR) of the proposed Telijore Irrigation Project, Odisha was submitted to this office by the State Govt of Odisha vide letter dated 17/10/2018 and it was circulated for necessary examination to the concerned specialised Directorates of CWC on 12/11/2018. Further, the ISM-1 Dte, CWC, vide letter dated 16/11/2018, had observed that the proposed Telijore Irrigation Project lies under the Mahanadi basin as it is proposed on the Ib River which is a tributary of the Mahanadi River. Further, to adjudicate the water disputes among the party states, the Mahanadi Water Disputed Tribunal (MWDT) was constituted in March, 2018. Further, in accordance to the January 2006 directions from the MoWR, RD&GR, the consent of the MWDT or basin states to consider the acceptance from the inter-state angle to the FR of the Telijore Project is necessary and since no such consent from the basin states or MWDT has been submitted by the project authority, the FR of the Telijore Irrigation Project, Odisha is **not acceptable from the inter-state angle**. Further, IP (S) Dte, CWC, vide letter dated 05/12/2018, had opined that the water availability for the project may be established from the inter-state angle and had submitted certain observations on the subject FR. Furthermore, BCD (E&NE) Dte, CWC, vide letter dated 21/12/2018, had observed that the FR of the project consists of a dam having no barrage components and the FR does not contain any details related to Canal works and associated appurtenant structures. In view of this, the FR of the project was returned by the BCD (E&NE) Dte, CWC. Recently, HSO, CWC, vide the F/R, has informed that the proposed Telijore Irrigation Project lies in the Mahanadi basin. The project involves inter-state issues and the hydrological examination will be undertaken once the inter-state matters get resolved.

The project was returned to the State Govt of Odisha vide letter no T-28036/1/2019-PA-N DTE dated 03.10.2019 and it was requested that the project proposal may be submitted afresh based on the award of MWDT.