

PRESS RELEASE

Text of the D.O. letter dated 16.6.2017 by **Thiru Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

"I wish to bring to your urgent notice an important issue relating to the action of the Irrigation Department of the Government of Andhra Pradesh by commencing construction of a Check Dam across the river Kusa at Nelavayl Village, Karvet Nagar Mandal, Chittoor District, which is a sub-tributary of the Inter-State river Kosasthalaiyar. This unilateral action of the authorities in Andhra Pradesh has caused great alarm and apprehension amongst the farmers in Tamil Nadu.

The Kusa river, a sub-tributary of Kosasthalaiyar river, supports an ayacut of about 354.32 acres fed by the Veligaram tank in Tamil Nadu. Any intervention of the flow to this tank is of great concern to the farmers who depend on the waters of this tank.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh should have consulted and obtained prior consent of the lower riparian State of Tamil Nadu before commencing any new work across the river Kusa, a sub-tributary of the Kosasthalaiyar river, or in any stream/channel taking off from it. This action of the authorities in Andhra Pradesh will affect the natural flow in the stream or channel taking off from it and would obstruct the flow to the Veligaram tank in the lower riparian State of Tamil Nadu.

In these circumstances, the Government of Tamil Nadu lodges its strong protest against the action of the Government of Andhra Pradesh in having unilaterally commenced the work for the construction of a Check Dam at Nelavayl, Karvet Nagar Mandal in Chittoor District.

I also request you to immediately intervene in the matter and issue instructions to the officials concerned to stop the construction activities of the Check Dams at Nelavayl Village and also not to take up any diversion works/check dam works across Kusa or in any tributaries or sub-tributaries of Kosasthalaiyar river without obtaining the prior concurrence of the Government of Tamil Nadu and also to furnish full details of the Check Dam under construction / proposed to be constructed in the sub-tributaries, tributaries etc., in the Kosasthalaiyar river.

I look forward to your immediate positive response in the matter."

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