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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao has expressed happiness over works on the Kaleswaram project, which will give life to lakhs of acres, are going on parallelly and speedily. The CM is happy that the excavation for the tunnel between Yellampally and Mallanna Sagar of 81 Kms length, works on 78.55 KM length have been completed. He wanted rest of the works to be completed with the same speed and spirit and give water to farmers at the earliest. Before the completion of reservoirs as part of the project, canal water should be filled up in the tanks. He wanted water should be lifted from Godavari from the existing canals and repair works to be done to SRSP and works for increasing the flow of water should be taken up.

The CM held a review meeting on the Irrigation projects at Pragathi Bhavan here on Monday. Irrigation Minister Sri T. Harish Rao, Water Resources Development Corporation Chairman Sri V. Prakash, Mission Bhagiratha Vice Chairman Sri Vemula Prashanth Reddy, Special Chief Secretary Sri SK. Joshi, Advisor Sri Pentareddy, Irrigation E-in-C Sri Muralidhar, CEs Sri Venkateswarlu, Sri Anil, Sri Nagender, OSD Sri Sridhar Deshpande, CMO Officers Ms Smita Sabharwal, Bhoopal Reddy and others attended.

The CM held a detailed discussion on the works going in other projects along with the Kaleswaram. The CM watched the works going on at Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla from Pragathi Bhavan itself. Cameras are installed at the workplaces and linked them to Pragathi Bhavan and made arrangements for monitoring the works on line which was watched by the CM, Minister and others. They watched works pertaining to Barrage, intake wells, pump houses on either side of Godavari and the river itself. The CM has expressed satisfaction over the day and night works taking place at the projects site. He wanted the aim to be to complete barrages by December 2018. He has instructed the officials to pump water from Kanepalli pump House and release water through SRSP and other Canals.

The CM said as part of Kaleswaram project, Asia's biggest tunnel is being constructed and the works are going at a fast pace. The tunnel with a length of 81 Kms and dimensions of 33 X 33 feet would be a major component and works are also going for the lining on a brisk note.

"As far as project works are concerned they have to be done with proper coordination in planning and with strategy. What works to be taken up when there are no rains and

when there is rain and what measures to be taken when there are floods. Separate action plan should be kept ready. While construction works going on for barrages, reservoirs, intake wells, Pump houses, works on gates, pumps manufacturing, electricity substations laying of lines should be done parallelly. All the works taken up parallelly should be integrated finally. Never ever think of doing work on one by one basis and monitoring should be done on the works taken up by the working agencies. Officials, engineers, working agencies should have regular meetings and coordination with Electricity officers is necessary. How many pumps are placed from Kaleswaram to LMD and how much power supply is needed? All these issues should be studied scientifically. We are manufacturing heavy capacity pumps for Kaleswaram project and they are being manufactured in Austria. Go there and find out how they are being manufactured. Learn about their maintenance with the companies and experts there,” the CM advised.

“While Kaleswaram project works are going on, take measures to pump Godavari water from Yellampalli to Mid Maneru and the canals construction should be done. Do repair works for Saraswathi and Laxmi canals in the upper reach and canals which are there under the LMD. Carrying capacity of canals to be increased. Supply water through canal till the reservoirs constructions over and fill up the Tanks. Lifts enroute should work with 100 percent capacity. Water is available in abundance at Kaleswaram and we have to utilize it. Attend to repairs of Lifts and utilize Devadula effectively. We have already spent Rs. 8,000 Crore on the project. We are constructing a barrage on Godavari. Study Devadula project and find out what else should be done.

Construct a reservoir at Imamabad near Siddipet with a capacity of 3 TMC. Prepare estimates for turning the reservoir’s bank of 8.5 Kms as a tourist spot,” the CM said.

“Complete the canals works before the completion of Basvapur and Gandhamalla reservoirs. Fill up tanks in Mallanna Sagar, Gandhamalla, Basvapur, Konda Pochamma and use Lifts based on the water flow. Set up Lifts at Singur to supply water to Narayankhed and Zaheerabad. Construct Gauravelli and Gandipally reservoirs. Implement a special action plan for filling up tanks in deficit rainfall areas like Siddipet, Dubbaka, Gajwel, Alair and Bhongir Constituencies,” the CM said.

“Financial situation the state is robust and by 2024 the Budget will reach Rs. 5 Lakh Crore. As Beget increases we will increase investment on the agriculture sector. In future the state will be ready to pay Rs. 15,000 Crore power bills for supplying water to the farm sector. Prepare seven year planning for the irrigation sector and prepare a vision for seven years from now,” the CM advised.

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