



Kaleshwaram Project

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Telangana State government has requested the Centre to treat **Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP)** as a **National Project**.

National Projects are provided Central grant of **90% of the estimated cost** for their completion in a time bound manner.

Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project

- It was initiated in **2016** on the **Godavari River**.
- It is designed to irrigate 45 lakh acres for two crops in a year, meet the drinking water requirement of 70% of the state and also cater to the needs of the industry.
- The Centre under the **Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014** is mandated to support programmes for the development of backward areas in the successor States, including expansion of physical and social infrastructure.
 - 9 out of 10 districts of Telangana (It had 10 districts when it separated. Now it has 33 districts) were covered under the **Backward Regions Grant Fund**.
 - To provide drinking water and restore irrigation tanks, **Mission Bhagiratha** and **Mission Kakatiya** were taken up respectively.

Backward Region Grant Fund

- It is a programme implemented by the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** in 272 identified backward districts in all States of the country except Goa.
- It is designed to redress regional imbalances in development.
- It consists of two funding window namely **Development Grant** and **Capacity Building**.

Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014

- Also known as **Telangana Act**, it received the **President's assent on 01 March 2014**.
- It requires the State of Andhra Pradesh to initiate activities related to creation of successor states including the apportionment of assets, liabilities, employees, contracts etc. between the two successor states.

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