

Revanth in Delhi with wishlist; seeks national status for PRLIS

Also Seeks Funding For Metro Phase-II

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Hyderabad: With a wish list, including national project status for Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation scheme (PRLIS) and financial assistance for Metro Phase-II, chief minister A Revanth Reddy and irrigation minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Thursday met Union ministers Amit Shah, Hardeep Singh Puri and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in Delhi.

The other requests included allocation of more IPS officers, division of assets and liabilities as per the AP Reorganisation Act and financial assistance to Musi riverfront development.

Revanth Reddy urged Union home minister Amit Shah that only 76 IPS officers were allocated to Telangana at the time of bifurcation and the state needs at least 29 additional IPS officers to look after various wings of the police department.



Chief minister Revanth Reddy, state irrigation minister Uttam Kumar Reddy with jal shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Amit Shah assured that the Centre would allocate more IPS officers in the upcoming 2024 IPS batch.

The CM also urged Amit Shah to ensure the completion of division of assets and liabilities of institutions under Schedule IX and resolve the issues pertaining to Schedule X institutions. Since AP had used Raj Bhavan, High Court and Lok Ayukata buildings in Hyderabad even after bifurcation of the state, he asked the Centre to get ₹408

crore released from the AP government towards rents and interest on the amount.

He also asked ₹90 crore for Telangana's cyber security bureau and ₹88 crore for Anti-Narcotic Bureau to tackle issues pertaining to narcotics and cyber frauds.

The CM also met Union urban development minister Hardeep Singh Puri and sought central assistance for Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II. Telangana government had tweaked the project and

sought approval for the revised proposals.

He asked the Centre to take up the Phase-II jointly with the state government.

National status for PRLIS

Later, Revanth and Uttam Kumar Reddy met Union jal shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat seeking national status for PRLIS. They said the project would irrigate 12.30 lakh acres apart from providing drinking water to 1,226 villages in six district and Hyderabad. They also said some approvals such as hydrology and irrigation planning were pending with the Centre.

"The Union minister said Centre did not grant national status to any irrigation project after 2014, but assured to release funds, about 60% of project cost, under various central schemes," Uttam Kumar Reddy told media after meeting the Union minister.

He informed the media that both CM and he would be meeting Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) chairman to revamp the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) and conduct competitive exams on the lines of UPSC tests.