

# Heavy Rains in Rayalaseema and Nellore

**People in Serious Difficulties– Let us Condemn the Inaction of Government**

Series of depressions caused heavy rains in the four districts (Chittoor, Kadapa, Ananthapur and Kurnool) of Rayalaseema and Nellore in the month of November 2021. More than 45 deaths were reported. Thousands of buffalos, Sheep, Cows were drowned in the flood flows.

In Kadapa District 5 villages in Rajampet and Nandaluru Mandals completely washed away due to breaches of Annamayya Project. This is not only a natural calamity. Knowing fully well that water is coming from upside, due to the breaches of Pincha Project and other streams–then also gates were not opened in Annamayya Project. Due to this negligence 5 villages were washed out completely. Pakka buildings also washed away. People remained with clothes which they wore. Reports reveal that irrigation engineers located that one of the gates of the project was not working. They asked Rs. 4 Crores for the repair and maintenance of the gates. State Government did not sanction it.

In Nellore District also protection bunds of Penna River breached in 4 or 5 Places. Flood water entered in to the villages, the houses of 25 villages; drowned up to 8 ft., and in some colonies of Nellore and Kovur towns. All the household material including food material was drowned and damaged. 1 to 2 feet mud sedimented in the houses.

Agricultural crops smashed away. Some of the fields were cut in to depth and some fields was deposited mud and sand, up to 2 to 3 meters. All the existing crops in thousands of acres damaged.

Particularly the colonies where SC, ST, people were living got heavily affected because they are in low lying areas. They are not able to enter in to their houses after a week also.

There are hundreds of families who live by selling dried fish. They keep there stock up to 1 or 2 lakhs in their houses. Since water entered in to the houses and people went out of houses, the total stock got damaged.

In the pilgrim town Tirupathi water retained in the residential areas for days together because then were no drains. Natural tanks and canals were occupied. Normal life of the people was effected for days together.

In Anantapur and Kurnool also there were heavy rains in some areas. People crossing the river lets were drowned. In some places houses collapsed and people died.

In all the districts weavers lost their work. Water entered in to the loom pits. For weeks together it was not possible to weave.

Village roads were heavily damaged. In Nellore and Chitoor Districts National High ways also damaged and traffic was heavily affected. Railway track also breached and trains were cancelled between Vijayawada and Chennai for a week.

State Government only gave Rs. 2,000 to the effected families. People spent 10 to 15 thousand rupees only to clean their houses.

A team consisting of AIKMKS and AIFTU (New) went to the villages in Nellore District. Talked with the people and came to an assessment. These are not the losses due to nature calamity only. There is the role of negligence from government side. Government should take preventive measures to prevent floods. More over it allowed destruction of protection bunds of the Penna River. It allowed fish culture in the river area. Government might have released water from the Somasila Reservoir much early. Due to the negligence only such huge losses were made to people.

AIKMKS and AIFTU (New) committees released a press note, published pamphlets with certain immediate and long term demands.

The AIFTU (New) affiliated Nellore Town Road Margin Vendors Association, also called as Sunday Market Committee responded immediately. It distributed clothes and utensils worth Rs. 1,000/- each to 300 families.

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