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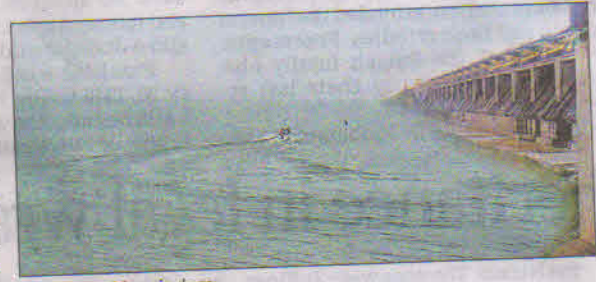
Manair riverfront project stuck in limbo, reveals RTI

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Hyderabad: The Manair riverfront development project, which started with big fanfare, finally ended up with just laying of turf and plantation of saplings to be taken up by local municipalities, alleged Forum for Good Governance, a city-based NGO.

The Telangana government had proposed to develop a stretch of Manair riverfront in the vicinity of Karimnagar town on the lines of the Sabarmati riverfront project. The cost estimated for the project was ₹501 crore. Officials also visited Gujarat to prepare a blueprint. But an RTI reply to the Forum For Good Governance (FGG) revealed that nothing much has happened on the ground.

"Engineer-in-chief (R&B) submitted a detailed project report on December



The Lower Manair dam

7, 2016 to the government for development of Manair riverfront. The ENC requested for a special purpose vehicle (SPV) to execute the project costing ₹501 crore as there are many different components apart from the civil works. This includes embankment construction on both sides of the river along the stretch, retention of water in the river all round the year, reclamation of 100 hectares land, development of public gardens, construction of public pro-

menades (12.5m wide), walkways and cycling tracks, development of four-lane roads on either side of the river, and development of sports facilities and recreational activities," said Padmanabha Reddy, secretary of Forum for Good Governance and retired IFS officer.

"The irrigation department did not give administrative sanction and transferred the case to the municipal administration department," he added.