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The Sahyadri Sanchaya has criticised the State government's move to conduct a social assessment survey of the Yettinahole project and has termed it irrelevant.

In a press release, the Sanchaya has stated that the government had made a wrong move by taking up the project in the first place, which was considered unscientific by scientists. Moreover, the statistics were tampered by the government and also the size of the project was increased by proposing to draw water even from the River Kumaradhara.

The association has strongly maintained that the survey on the social impact of the project would not address the problems. Instead, the government needs to conduct a study on the affects of the reduced flow of water on environment and on groundwater-level. The scientific study should also include the study on the affects on Western Ghats, the source of the rivers.

### Need and supply

The water needed for the project, comprising five districts is only five to six TMC, while the amount of water planned to be drawn is 24 TMC. The Central government has been wrongly informed by the state government that the project is meant only for drinking water purpose.

The association has added that the protests in DK, Udupi and Sakaleshpur would be intensified if the government does not clarify the doubts regarding the project. Also, statements are being made on Paschima Vahini project, which includes diverting several west-flowing rivers by constructing check dams across the course of the rivers. The proposed project, will be detrimental to these rivers, the release said.

The Dakshina Kannada and Udupi district units of CPI have also stated in their press releases that the Yettinahole project lacks vision and scientific approach. The project will only create misunderstanding between the people of the coastal districts and plain



will initiate a permanent water policy to solve water problems in the state.



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