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State to seek increase in 50% reservation cap

Cabinet gives approval to appeal before the Supreme Court

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AS the state has been on the boil over the reservation issue, the Cabinet on Monday decided to inform the Supreme Court that Karnataka will need more than 50 per cent reservation, which is the cap set by the apex court.

Referring to the Indira Sahani case, the Cabinet members discussed that with the aspirations of backward classes going up and also the number of SC/STs increasing, the reservation too needs to go beyond 50 per cent. Other states too have sought an increase in the quota cap. As there is a model code of conduct because of the bypolls in the state, there was no official cabinet briefing on Monday.

In other decisions, the Cabinet sanctioned ₹400 crore to set up the underground drainage system in 17 urban centres on the banks of rivers as recommended by the National Green



Tribunal. This had been a longstanding demand of environmentalists and the city managers.

It gave permission to seek administrative approvals for the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana for the Narayanpur Right Bank canal work extending its length to 95 km, for which ₹2,800 crore will be sought. The cabinet

members gave permission to fill up 18 tanks using waters from the Krishna river using lift irrigation at a cost of ₹192 crore. Administrative approvals to irrigate Bagalkot's areas of Badami and Beelagi at ₹525 crore to were given.

They gave nod to obtain ₹250 crore loan from banks for fertilisers and ₹150 crore for seeds. ₹24.83 crore was sanctioned to the Atal Behari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Centre for essential equipment. Permission was given to set up a new Operation Theatre Complex at a cost ₹40 crore at Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Ballari.

It sanctioned ₹22.81 crore to build grade separators between Mysore and Hunasur.

The cabinet decided to accord permission to issue 'Hakku patras' (legal documents) to slumdwellers at urban centres at rates fixed by the government.