

CAG red flags higher expenditure of state

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Telangana is at the forefront of development and capital expenditure compared to other states but lagging behind in education, said minister for IT and Industries K. Taraka Rama Rao, quoting the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG).

The CAG report for the fiscal year 2018 was tabled in the Legislative Council on Sunday.

The report said that the payment obligations have also increased with the reliance on debt over the years. If the revival of the discoms (electricity distributing companies) is to be carried out, the state government must release the dues.

CAG has stated in its report that ₹ 70,758 crore has been earmarked for irrigation projects, said the minister in the Legislative Council on Sunday.

Mr Rama Rao said that the revenue and revenue expenses of the state would be about three times that of the GSDP (Gross State

Don't delay bills submission: CAG

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Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India pointed out at the Telangana government that "non submission of DC bills within the prescribed time is a breach of financial discipline and enhances risk of misappropriation of public money and is an unhealthy practice"

In its report of 2017-18, the CAG pointed out that detailed contingent bills (2,164) of funds drawn for items of contingent

Domestic Product). The capital expenditure in 2016-17 was reduced in 2017-18, said the minister. CAG has also said that the default deficit was high and the debt was not enough to meet the deficit.

nature were not submitted for ₹.280.45 crores, in the absence of which there was no assurance that the money spent for the purpose they were drawn.

It further stated that "Out of the above 1789 bills worth ₹244.39 crore pertain to only six departments. Further there were 641 AC bills amounting to ₹81.64 crore pertaining to the period prior to bifurcation of the state. Of this, 89 bills amounting to ₹5.72 crores were pending for adjustment for more than a decade."

The minister said that the Comptroller and Auditor General had suggested that the finance department should carry out its budgetary process to bridge the gap between budget estimates and realities.