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Hyderabad: Impact assessment study reports on Mission Kakatiya are expected from four more agencies, Irrigation Minister T Harish Rao said on Sunday.

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Earlier, ICRISAT submitted a report on the impact of silt application for crops under the irrigation tanks taken under Mission Kakatiya in Warangal district. According to its findings, silt application helped considerably in boosting crop yields, while simultaneously reducing the over-dependence of farmers on chemical fertilisers.

NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) initiated its study on Mission Kakatiya Phase – 1 in 2016 to assess the impact of interventions in key areas of irrigation extension, crop yield improvement, rise in agricultural income and benefits of silt application. Rao asked Nabcons to extend their study to the project’s second and third phases too. Read more