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MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA
REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2968

ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023

FINAL COST OF POLAVARAM IRRIGATION PROJECT

2968. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has finalized the Polavaram Irrigation Project at ₹ 47, 724 crore;
- (b) if so, the details and the factors that have been taken into consideration while arriving at the cost; and
- (c) the details of the annual disbursement that is proposed to be made to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh which is the implementing agency of Polavaram Irrigation Project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) has been declared as a National Project vide Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014. As per Ministry of Finance approval of 2016, Government of India is to provide 100% of the remaining cost of the irrigation component only of the project for the period starting from 01.04.2014, to extent of the cost of the irrigation component on that date.

In February, 2019, second revised cost estimate of PIP was accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose projects of this Ministry, at an estimated cost of ₹55,548.87 crore at 2017-18 price level. Subsequently, in March, 2020, the Revised Cost Committee (RCC) constituted by Government of India recommended revised cost of PIP to be ₹29,027.95 crore at 2013-14 price-level and ₹47,725.74 crore at 2017-18 price-level.

Factors that have been taken into consideration by the RCC while arriving at the revised cost of PIP at 2013-14 price level include the quantities of various components approved in 1st revised cost estimate of PIP in 2011. Further, for estimating the revised cost at 2017-18 price level, the RCC has considered updated quantities of various components including land acquisition, rehabilitation & resettlement, and commensurate distributary networks for the project.

(c) Subsequent to declaration of PIP as a National Project, Government of India has been reimbursing the expenditure on irrigation component only of PIP being made by Government of Andhra Pradesh

with effect from 01.04.2014. The reimbursement is being made from time to time, upon receipt of verified bills and recommendations from the Polavaram Project Authority and Central Water Commission (CWC). So far, an amount of ₹13,463.21 crore has been reimbursed by the Government of India to Government of Andhra Pradesh for PIP, year-wise details of which are tabulated below.

Sl. No	Financial Year	Amount reimbursed to Andhra Pradesh for PIP (Rs. in crore)
1	2014-15	245.00
2	2015-16	590.00
3	2016-17	2,514.70
4	2017-18	1,992.56
5	2018-19	1,385.00
6	2019-20	1,780.00
7	2020-21	2,234.20
8	2021-22	1,876.70
9	2022-23 (till Feb., 2023)	845.05
Total		13,463.21
