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PENDENCY OF PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF CONSTRUCTION OF PIP

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

- (a) the details of the payment that is pending in favour of the State of Andhra Pradesh on account of construction of Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP);
- (b) the details of the proposed costs that is to be released to the State of Andhra Pradesh in the remaining period of current financial year;
- (c) status of the PIP as on date; and
- (d) tentative time by when Government proposes to complete the PIP?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Funding for Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) is being undertaken in line with the Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum (OM) dated 30.09.2016. The said OM mandates Government of India to provide 100% of the remaining cost of the irrigation component only of the project for the period starting from 01.04.2014 to the extent of the cost of the irrigation component on that date.

Government of India has been reimbursing, from time to time, the eligible expenditure incurred by the Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) on the project with effect from 01.04.2014. The reimbursement is being done upon receipt of verified bills and recommendations from the Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) and Central Water Commission (CWC).

GoAP has informed that an expenditure of Rs. 16,035.88 crore has been incurred on the project from April 2014 to December, 2022. Excluding the amount provisioned for PPA, an eligible amount of Rs.13,226.04 crore has been released by Government of India for execution of PIP since 01.04.2014. While Bills amounting to Rs. 2,390.27 crore are not found eligible for reimbursement by PPA, bills amounting to Rs. 548.38 crore have been received by PPA for examination.

(b) Reimbursements to be made to Andhra Pradesh for the project during the remaining period of current financial year shall be based on the bills submitted by the State Government, and also on the bills recommended by PPA and CWC for the expenditure made by the State Government on the project.

(c) Physical progress of works of Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) till October, 2022 is given below:

| S.No. | Components | % of physical progress |
|----------|--|------------------------|
| I | Head works | 77.10 |
| A | Main dam package | 78.05 |
| B | Connectivity packages | 68.51 |
| | i. Left connectivity | 62.39 |
| | ii. Right connectivity | 75.82 |
| 2 | Left Main Canal | 72.80 |
| 3 | Right Main Canal | 92.75 |
| 4 | Total project | 78.99 |
| 5 | Land acquisition and rehabilitation & resettlement | 22.16 |

A number of key components of PIP, such as spillway, upstream coffer dam, concrete dam (gap III), diaphragm wall of earth cum rock-fill dam (ECRF) (gap-I) have been completed. Implementation of other key components like construction of ECRF dam (gap I & II) and rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) of affected project displaced families (PDFs) is in different stages.

(d) As per the current timelines, the project is scheduled to be completed by March, 2024, and its distributary network by June, 2024. However, in view of major floods in Godavari during 2020 and 2022, some delay in the proposed schedule is expected.
