GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1357

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, August 1, 2023/ Sravana 10, 1945 (Saka)

SPECIAL FINANCIAL PACKAGE OF MEASURES FOR ANDHRA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has approved a package of measures for Government of Andhra Pradesh in May, 2023, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the revenue deficit grant for financial year 2014-15 released recently, reasons and item-wise break-up thereof;
- (c) the excess borrowing by Andhra Pradesh Government from 2016-17 to 2021-22, year-wise;
- (d) excess borrowing adjusted from current borrowing space, year-wise and relief provided under the recent package;
- (e) the details of additional funding recommended for the Polavaram irrigation project; and
- (f) whether additional funding will be sufficient for the construction of the dam to full proposed height of 45.72 meters, if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a): Yes Sir, the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has provided a package of measures for the Government of Andhra Pradesh as mentioned below:
 - i) Release of Revenue Deficit Grant for the financial year 2014-15.
 - ii) Adjustment of over-borrowings by the State of Andhra Pradesh.
- iii) Additional funding of the Polavaram Irrigation Project; Reimbursement towards Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- (b): The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, released an amount of Rs.10,460.87 crore towards Revenue Deficit Grant for the financial year 2014-15 on 19.05.2023, which was based on the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- (c) & (d): Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance generally follows the fiscal limits mandated by the accepted recommendations of Finance Commission while exercising the powers to approve borrowings by States under Article 293(3) of the Constitution of India. Adjustments for the over-borrowings by States including the State of Andhra Pradesh during

previous years, if any are made in the borrowing space of subsequent years. Year-wise details of excess over-borrowings and adjustments of the excess borrowings in the financial years 2016-17 to 2021-22 are provided in Table below:

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | Over-borrowings of Previous Years Calculated during the Financial Year | Over-borrowings of Previous Years Adjusted from the Current Borrowing Space of the Financial Year |
|---------|--|---|
| 2016-17 | Nil | Nil |
| 2017-18 | 3520.69 | 3520.69 |
| 2018-19 | 2099.99 | 2099.99 |
| 2019-20 | Nil | Nil |
| 2020-21 | 6718.38 | 6718.38 |
| 2021-22 | 22465.07 | 8465.07 |

(e) & (f): The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has released an amount of Rs.14,970.09 crore towards Polavaram Irrigation Project.
