

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2536

ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026

POLAVARAM PROJECT

2536 Shri RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Central assistance released for the Polavaram National Project during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the revised cost estimate of the Polavaram Project has been approved, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the status of spillway, earth-cum-rockfill dam, canals and rehabilitation works under the Polavaram Project;
- (d) the number of project-affected families rehabilitated and compensation paid so far; and
- (e) whether Government has fixed any timeline for completion of the Polavaram Project, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

- (a) The year-wise details of funds released for the Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) during the last five years are as follows:

Financial Year	Funds released (Rs. in Crore)
2021-22	1,898.80
2022-23	1,671.23
2023-24	727.88
2024- 25	5,512.40
2025-26	2810.22
Total	12620.53

- (b) Government of India has approved Revised cost for completion of the Polavaram Irrigation Project Phase-I with storage upto Elevation Level (EL) +41.15 metres for Rs.30,436.95 crore at 2023 Price Level with the balance central grants for the project limited to Rs.12,157.53 crore.

- (c) & (d) The completion status of the spillway, earth-cum-rockfill, and canals works is as follows.

S.No.	Component	Earthwork	Concrete	Steel
1	Spillway (Structure)	96.87%	98.84%	92.95%
2	Earth-cum-rock fill dam & Connectivities	75.56%	81.99%	81.31%
3	Main Canals	98.96%	88.44%	55.68%

The total number of Project Displaced Families (PDFs) is 96,660 due to construction of the Polavaram Irrigation Project. The number of PDFs under Phase-I (up to EL +41.15 m) who have been physically shifted is 17,892.

An amount of Rs. 1373.01 crore has been disbursed towards R&R Cash and Entitlements. Further, Rs. 1581.08 crore has been incurred on execution of R&R works.

- (e) The phase-I of project has been approved for completion by March, 2026 with a provision of one year extension.
