

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 329
ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

EXPENDITURE ON POLAVARAM PROJECT

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Polavaram Project in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the funds sanctioned and released by the Union Government for the purpose and those spent on it by the State so far;
- (c) whether any demands of the State Government is pending with the Union Government for grant of additional funds in view of revised estimates and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

- (a) As reported by the State, overall physical progress of Polavaram project till the end of June, 2018 is 56.34%.
- (b) Central Assistance (CA) of Rs.562.47 crore was provided for this project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) as per eligibility under the scheme, prior to its declaration as National Project on 01.04.2014. An amount of Rs.5135.87 Cr was spent by the Government of Andhra Pradesh on this project till that time.

After declaration as National Project, CA of Rs. 6764.16 crore has been released as per proposals recommended by Polavaram Project Authority (PPA). The State has intimated that they have incurred an expenditure of Rs.8662.67 crore on the project.

- (c) & (d) Approval of revised estimates submitted by State Government is dependent upon requisite compliances by the State Government. However, Polavaram Project Authority has forwarded a proposal of Rs.393.51 crore to Central Water Commission on 29.06.2018 for reimbursement of balance amount available as per the presently approved cost. Proposal for release of this amount has been forwarded to Ministry of Finance. Further, as projected by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the project is targeted for completion by December, 2019.