

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA
REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1527

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NATIONAL IRRIGATION PROJECTS

1527 SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI

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

- (a) whether it is true that the drinking water component is clubbed with the irrigation component in national irrigation projects;
- (b) if so, the reasons as to why the drinking water component of Rs. 4,000 crore has not been included in the Polavaram Irrigation Project;
- (c) whether the Government has received numerous representations from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for inclusion of the drinking water component in the Polavaram Irrigation Project; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in response to such requests?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

- (a) As per guidelines for Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) and National Project issued by this Ministry in February, 2022, balance cost of drinking water component is to be included for funding under National Project scheme. However, the guidelines also stipulate that for the purpose of central funding, the cost for drinking water component shall not include the works related to transmission and distribution network required exclusively for drinking water component.
- (b) As per Ministry of Finance OM dated 30.09.2016, Government of India has been reimbursing the expenditure on irrigation component only of Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) with effect from 01.04.2014, upon receipt of verified bills and recommendations from the Polavaram Project Authority and Central Water Commission (CWC).
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) A committee under the chairpersonship of Finance Secretary & Secretary (Expenditure) has been constituted by Government of India in January, 2022 to discuss the various issues pertaining to Government of Andhra Pradesh, including funding related issues of PIP. Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation under this Ministry, is also a member of the committee. The Committee has held two meetings so far.
