

Sharing of cost of Polavaram Irrigation Component

*405. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to bear the cost of Polavaram Irrigation Component as on the 1st April, 2014 only; and

(b) if so, who will bear escalations in the cost of the project till date, as the project is likely to be completed after the year 2019?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SUSHRI UMA BHARTI): (a) As per the Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No. F.No.1 (2)/ PF-I/2014 (pt) dated 30.09.2016, the Central Government will provide 100% of the remaining cost of the irrigation component only of the Polavaram Irrigation project for the period starting from 01.04.2014, to the extent of the cost of the Irrigation component on that date.

(b) The cost escalation of the irrigation component of the project over and above the estimated cost at price level of April 2014 is to be borne by the State Government.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Coking coal imports**

4157. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) quantity of coking coal imported into India during the last three years;

(b) the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) what is the impact of the cost of coking coal on the steel industry; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the supply in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Year-wise import of coking coal in India during the last three years is given below.

(in Mte.)	
Year	Coking Coal
2014-15	43.72
2015-16	43.51
2016-17	34.84
April-January 2016-17	