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13.	Ganga (Farakka)- Sunderbans link	Ganga and Ichhamati	West Bengal	Draft FR completed
14.	Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka link (Alternative to M-S-T-G)	Manas, Tista and Ganga	-do-	(Alternative to M-S-T-G Link) dropped

- PFR- Pre Feasibility Report
- FR- Feasibility Report
- DPR- Detailed Project Report

## **Revised estimates of Polavaram Irrigation Project**

- 308. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sent proposals to Central Government revising the estimates of Polavaram Irrigation Project as per rates prevailing on 2013-14 in the month of August, 2017, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has approved the revised estimates and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons for delay in approving the estimates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted revised cost estimates of the Polavaram Irrigation Project amounting to be ₹ 58319.06 cr. (at 2013-14 Price Level) to Central Water Commission (CWC) during August, 2017.

(b) The revised estimates have been examined by CWC and observations have been communicated to the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The approval of the revised cost estimates depends upon the satisfactory compliance of the observations.

## Maintenance and preservation of water bodies

- 309. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is in possession of land records which includes details about water bodies which is *sine qua non* for the maintenance and preservation of water bodies in the backdrop of increasing water stress in the country;