

Census". The objective of the Census is to build up a database on water bodies such as status, use, storage capacity etc.

Declaration of Polavaram project as a National project

619. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount Central Government has released towards Polavaram project so far;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has spent any money towards the irrigation component of Polavaram project after its declaration as a National project by Government in 2014;

(c) whether the Central Government proposes to order an enquiry into the serious irregularities in Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) in the Polavaram area; and

(d) if so, nature of enquiry being conducted or proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) and (b) Central Assistance (CA) of ₹ 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 ₹ 5135.87 crore was spent by the Government of Andhra Pradesh on this project till that time.

After declaration as National Project, CA of ₹ 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 ₹ 8662.67 crore on the project.

(c) and (d) Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) works of PAPs are being carried out by the State Government. The State has constituted State level and project level monitoring committees in this regard. Grievance redressal mechanism has also been established by them. Further, they have intimated that no irregularity in Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Project Affected Families (PAFs) has been observed.

Meetings of cauvery management board

620. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state: