

**Completion of delayed Polavaram Project**

1408. 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 construction of Polavaram Project work is being delayed for want of funds and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, details of requirement of funds for projects, component-wise;

(c) amount of expenditure incurred so far and quantity of work completed component-wise;

(d) amount of funds released by Government so far and expenditure incurred by the State from its own funds; and

(e) by when the project will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) to (e) The investment clearance for the cost estimate of ₹ 16010.45 crore (2010-11 price level) accorded on 08.05.2017. [Power component– 3716.05; Irrigation component – 12294.40].

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. The balance cost as on 1.4.2014 (as per approved cost) was ₹ 7158.53 crore when the project was declared as National Project. Thereafter, 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 ₹ 8959.84 crore on the project.

Government of India is reimbursing the actual expenditure incurred by the Government of Andhra Pradesh upon submission of certified bills to Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) by mobilizing funds through NABARD out of Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF). Thus, requisite funds are released from time to time for this project on receipt of recommendation of PPA/CWC.

Physical progress achieved is as under:—

- Excavation for Spillway, Spill Channel, Approach Channel, Pilot Channel and Left Flank: 851.75 lakh cum completed out of total 1115.59 lakh cum (76.30%).
- Concreting for Spillway, Stilling Basin and Spill Channel: 11.30 lakh cum (including 1.65 L Cum of crevices filling) completed out of 36.79 lakh cum (30.70%).
- Radial gates fabrication: 11,080 MT completed out of 18000 MT (61.55%).
- Diaphragm wall concreting: 1396.6 m completed out of 1396.6 m (100%).
- Jet grouting cutoffs for Cofferdams: 3213.5 m completed out of 3467 m (93.00%)
- Connectivities: 58.51% of work completed. Left Connectivities: 46.80% Completed; Right Connectivities : 71.77 % Completed
- Right main canal: Excavation completed for total length of 177.9 Km (100%), Lining completed for 149.395 KM out of 176.20 Km (84.8%). Structures 185 completed out of 255 Nos.
- Left main canal: Excavation completed for 164.748 Km out of 210.927 Km (78%), Lining completed for 124.593 KM out of 210.927 Km (59%). Structures 137 Completed out of 452 Nos.

The project is targeted for completion by Dec., 2019 as per information provided by State Government.

#### **Budget allocation for protection of River Ganga**

†1409. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocated per year since the year 2014 till date and the amount spent by the year 2018 for protection of the River Ganga, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(b) the total number of schemes formulated, number of projects sanctioned and costs thereof, number of ongoing projects and number of projects completed till date for the protection of River Ganga, scheme/project-wise details thereof?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.