

Water being a State subject, efforts to conserve and manage ground water is primarily States' responsibility. However, other steps taken by the Central Government to control ground water depletion are at the following URL: [http://mowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Steps\\_to\\_control\\_water\\_depletion\\_Jun2019.pdf](http://mowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Steps_to_control_water_depletion_Jun2019.pdf)

**Construction of Polavaram Project in in A.P.**

2466. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) status of construction of Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the extent to which the claims that 60 per cent of work has been completed made by earlier Andhra Pradesh Government and reported in the media is correct;
- (c) whether CAG has said that completion of Polavaram cannot be done before 2019 and now Government says that Polavaram can be completed only by 2021;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package for displaced people of Polavaram has not yet been completed; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and by when R&R package would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) As reported by the Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP), about 66.96% works of Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) have been completed.

(c) and (d) As informed by the GoAP, noticing shortfall in physical progress of various components of the project, the Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) in its report mentioned that it appears the targeted date of June, 2019 may be difficult to achieve. Further, the State Government has now informed that project is targeted for completion by June, 2021.

(e) and (f) As per progress reported by the State Government, out of 105601 Project Displaced Families (PDFs) due to PIP, Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R&R) works in respect of 3922 PDFs has been completed. R&R of balance PDFs is planned in phased manner. Entire R&R activities are proposed to be completed well before the actual impoundment of water in reservoir.