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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) to (c) As per information available in the Ministry, a part of works of Polavaram was deleted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh on the recommendation of Joint Committee of State Level Standing Committee (SLSC) and Internal Benchmark Committee (IBM) from the scope of M/s Transtroy (India) Ltd. and has been entrusted to the new agencies M/s Navayuga Engineering Company (NEC) Limited and M/s BEKEM Infra Projects Pvt. Ltd. as per clause 60(c) of Preliminary Specification (PS) to Andhra Pradesh Detailed Standard Specification (APDSS) at agreement rates of original EPC agency with key objective of time bound completion of works. M/S NEC limited has been entrusted to carry out works on spillway, spill channel, balance works of earth dam (Gaps), coffer dams, approach channel etc. for a cost of ₹ 2914.66 crore, while M/S BEKEM Infra Projects Pvt. Ltd. has been given the balance works of Radial gates at a cost of ₹ 387.56 crore.

Central assistance in national irrigation projects

2441. DR. K. V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that all the irrigation projects declared as National Projects are getting 90 per cent of the project cost as grant from the Central Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not. Government's commitment on the Irrigation Projects declared as National Projects; and
- (c) reasons as to why Polavaram Project is not being treated at par with other National Projects and granted 90 per cent cost of the Project, as grant by Government and the reasons for deciding that Government will bear only project cost at 2013-14 Price Level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) Funding ratio (Central: State) in respect of National Projects (irrigation component) is as under:

- 90:10 for National Projects in North Eastern States and three Hilly States;
- 60:40 for National Projects in remaining States.

Two National Projects namely, Gosikhurd and Saryu Nahar Pariyojana have been included for funding in the scheme of 99 prioritised projects approved during 2016-17.

Central Assistance (CA) is being provided for these projects in applicable ratio for cost with escalation up to 20% over the approved cost as in 2012. Funding for Shahpurkandi dam National Project is being provided for irrigation component in the ratio of 90(C): 10 (S) and 60 (C): 40 (S) in proportion to envisaged irrigation benefits in J&K and Punjab respectively.

(c) Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) has been declared to be a national project under Section 90 (1) of AP Reorganisation Act, 2014 and Central Government is to provide 100% of the remaining cost of irrigation component only of the Project for the period starting from 01.04.2014 to the extent of the cost of the irrigation component on that date as per Ministry of Finance letter No: 1(2)/PF-I/2014(Pt) dated: 30.09.2016.

Funds spent for cleaning of Ganga river

2442. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount spent by Government under Clean Ganga Mission as on date; and
- (b) the data on levels of contamination at the time of inception of mission and at present, at various testing spots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) Government of India has launched the Namami Gange Program to accomplish the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution and rejuvenation of the National River Ganga and its tributaries with a total budgetary outlay of ₹20,000 crore for the period from FY 2014-15 till 31/12/2020. During the financial years from 2011-12 to 31 May 2019, the Government of India has released ₹8,451.77 crore to National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG). Further, NMCG has released/spent ₹6,589.84 crore on the projects.

(b) Under the Namami Gange Programme, Water quality of river Ganga is monitored at 94 locations in 5 main stem States through the respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) namely Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

The observed water quality indicates that Dissolved Oxygen which is an indicator of river health has been found to be within acceptable limits of notified primary bathing