

(c) the reasons which prompted Government to prepare revised cost estimates at two price levels and the Central Government's financial commitment over the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) Second Revised Cost Estimate (RCE) of the Polavaram Irrigation Project amounting to ₹ 55548.87 crore at 2017-18 Price level (PL) has been accepted by the Advisory Committee of Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti (formerly Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation) on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Projects in its 141st meeting held on 11.02.2019. Further, Central Water Commission (CWC) has intimated *vide* letter dated 07.05.2019 that the RCE of this project at PL 2013-14 is ₹ 54,466.1 crore.

The component-wise details in this regard are as under:—

Component	Cost Estimate (₹ in crore)	
	2013-14 PL	2017-18 PL
Power	4,560.91	4,560.91
Irrigation and Water Supply	49,905.19	50,987.96
TOTAL	54,466.10	55,548.87

(c) As per Ministry of Finance letter No: 1(2)/PF-I/2014(Pt) dated: 30.09.2016, 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. Accordingly, the RCE at 2013-14 price level in addition to RCE at 2017-18 PL has been finalized.

Reimbursement of funds to A.P. State for Polavaram Project

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to release dues of approximately ₹ 5000 crores spent by State Government for execution of Polavaram Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amounts claimed by Andhra Pradesh Government under various components of Polavaram Project since 01.4.2014 to till date, year-wise and amounts reimbursed and pending for release by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) to (c) Till now, Central Assistance (CA) of ₹ 6764.16 crore has been released from time to time as per eligible proposals recommended by Polavaram Project Authority and Central Water Commission since 01.04.2014. For further release of funds, Ministry of Finance *vide* its letter No. 14(10)/PF-II/2016 dated 26.07.2018 and later *vide* letter No. F.No. 10 (14)/PF-II/2016 dated 06.05.2019 has requested for submission of - (i) Audited Statement of Expenditure incurred by the State on the project till 31.03.2014 and (ii) Revised Cost Estimates (RCE) of the project at 2013-14 Price Level (PL).

Central Water Commission *vide* letter dated 7.5.2019 has intimated RCE of the project at PL 2013-14 is ₹ 54,466.1 crore. Further, as reported by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Principal Accountant General (PAG) office, Hyderabad has completed the audit of ₹ 3777.44 crore out of total expenditure of ₹ 5175.25 crore incurred up to 31.3.2014. Ministry *vide* its letter dated 18.06.2019 has again requested the State to submit audited statement of expenditure for the full amount. Further release of fund is dependent upon the compliance by the State Government.

Year-wise release/reimbursement of funds for execution of Polavaram Irrigation Project are as below:—

Sl. No.	Year	Central Funds Released ₹ in crore
1.	2014-15	250.00
2.	2015-16	600.00
3.	2016-17	2514.16
4.	2017-18	2000.00
5.	2018-19	1400.00
TOTAL		6764.16

Irrigation difficulties in hilly areas

†228 SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the farmers are facing a lot of difficulties in irrigating fields situated in hilly areas and many farmers are not able to irrigate their fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.