

**Funds for Mission Bhagiratha**

1523. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation along with Detailed Project Report (DPR) from Telangana Government requesting for sanction of around ₹ 35, 000 crores to its prestigious water grid flagship programme “Mission Bhagiratha”, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any action on the request, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has consented for the financial assistance, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) to (c) Government of Telangana has requested financial assistance *inter alia* seeking ₹ 19, 205 Crore as Central assistance for Mission Bhagiratha (Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project), which was recommended by the NITI Aayog.

Meanwhile, Government of India has launched Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) with an outlay of ₹ 3.60 lakh Crore with Central share of ₹ 2.08 lakh Crore, to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household by 2024. Under JJM, funds are allocated to the States as per approved criteria. During the current financial year, Telangana has been allocated an amount of ₹ 211.03 Crore, out of which ₹ 105.51 Crore has already been released as first installment. Once the State utilizes the available funds, can seek 2nd installment and after its utilization and reporting performance, the State can also ask for additional fund to be provided based on functionality assessment of household tap connections.

**Irregularities in Polavaram project**

1524. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee set up by Andhra Pradesh Government to look into the irregularities in Polavaram Project has submitted its Report which indicated that a benefit of ₹ 2,343.85 crores have been additionally given benefit to Transtrai and others;