

Also, as per Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources, 6,08,384 water harvesting structures have been created/rejuvenated in different States under PMKSY-WDC component during the period 2014-15 to 2019-20 (upto September 2019).

In addition, Water being a State subject, initiatives on water management including conservation and artificial recharge to ground water in the Country is primarily States' responsibility. The important measures taken by the Central Government for conservation, management of ground water and effective implementation of rain water harvesting in the country 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).

(d) In view of reply to (a) to (c) above, the question does not arise.

#### **Progress of Polavaram Project works**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been no progress in Polavaram Project for the last six months due to allegations of corruption in awarding Polavaram Project works on nomination basis, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of component-wise progress of Polavaram works and by what time the project will be completed according to present status of works; and

(c) the details of head-wise final approved expenditure of the Project, as per latest Standard Schedule of Rates (SSR) and Government's financial commitment for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) As intimated by Polavaram Project Authority (PPA), the Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) constituted an Expert Committee (EC) in June 2019 to examine and review the procedure of execution and grounding of works/projects with an objective of ensuring transparency in tendering system. Acting on the advice of EC, GoAP terminated existing contracts with M/s Navayuga Engineering Company Limited (NECL) and M/s Bekem Infra Projects Private Limited (BIPPL) in August, 2019 and has awarded the balance works to M/s Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited in Oct, 2019 for ₹ 1548 cr. Works have commenced during November-2019.

(b) As intimated by the GoAP, the component wise progress of works of Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) is as under:

Component	Progress in %
a. Head Works	58.50
b. Right Main Canal	91.69
c. Left Main Canal	69.96
Overall Progress	67.09

The project is now planned for completion by December, 2021.

(c) Advisory Committee of Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India (erstwhile MoWR, RD & GR) in its 141st meeting held on 11.02.2019 accepted the Second Revised Cost Estimate at 2017-18 PL for an amount of ₹55,548.87 cr. Component-wise cost of the project is as under:

Component	At 2017-18 Price Level (₹ in cr.)
Power Component	4560.91
Irrigation & Water Supply	50987.96
TOTAL	55548.87

As per the Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No. F.No.1(2)/PF 1/2014 (Pt) dtd 30.09.2016, the Central Government will provide 100% of the remaining cost of the irrigation component only of the Polavaram Irrigation project for the period starting from 01.04.2014, to the extent of the cost of the irrigation component on that date.

#### **Objections regarding Polavaram Project**

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

(a) the details of objections raised by Odisha for construction of Polavaram project in spite of assurance given by the Central and State Governments; and

(b) whether Government is taking any steps to resolve the objections of Odisha