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Title: Regarding funds for Polavaram project-laid.

SHRI RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU (NARSAPURAM): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the matter of construction of Polavaram National Project which is running behind the schedule for want of release of funds from Central Government.

Till now Andhra Pradesh Government has spent Rs.11,800 crores but Centre has released Rs.8,577 crores only. Balance of Rs.3,223 crores is yet to be released. It is requested that Central Government should take necessary steps for release of balance funds as the state government is facing much financial crunch to complete the project as per schedule.

And construction of Cofferdam is expected to be completed by monsoon season by June next year. In case, the water dam water reaches up to 41.5 meters height, surrounding villages would face inundation. So Resettlement and Rehabilitation works are to be completed as early as possible which costs to the tune of Rs. 10,000 crores.

Further, a sum of Rs.6,000 crores expenditure is estimated for construction work for the project, which should also be released by the central Government.

In addition to the above, as per the revised estimates, proposals for Rs.55,549 crores have been sent by the State Government for early approval and release of funds to complete the Polavaram project as estimated by 2021.

Keeping in view of the above, I urge upon the Government of India and Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti to consider the matter in its letter

and spirit and release the above funds at the earliest.