

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding release of amount for completion of Andhra Pradesh in Polavaram Irrigation Project in Andhra Pradesh.

**SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH (KAKINADA):**

Thank you, Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to raise an important issue regarding Polavaram Irrigation Project in Andhra Pradesh. ...(Interruptions) This project is very important for my State. ...(Interruptions)

**माननीय अध्यक्ष:** अभी आपके बोलने का मौका नहीं है । दादा, आप बैठ जाइए ।

...(व्यवधान)

**माननीय अध्यक्ष:** एक महिला सदस्य बोल रही हैं । आप वरिष्ठ सदस्य हैं, आप उनके सामने खड़े होकर बोल रहे हैं । माननीय सदस्य ऐसा न करें ।

...(व्यवधान)

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH: Sir, the approval of Revised Estimates of Polavaram Irrigation Project and reimbursement of payments have been made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The request of reimbursement of Rs.5103 crore made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been met through Andhra Pradesh State Funds on reimbursement basis.

Further, it is requested that Rs.16,000 crore may be provided to expedite the works and to undertake land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation.

Sir, it is also requested that approval of Revised Estimates of Rs.55,548.87 crore may be granted. This amount has been approved by CWC. Out of Rs.55,548.87 crore, an amount of around Rs.30,000 crore is for relief and rehabilitation purpose. I request the Government of India to sanction this amount immediately.

Recently, in respect of Polavaram Project, our hon. Chief Minister, Jaganmohan Reddy Garu has taken a decision to save public fund. Based on the opinion of the Expert Committee, the existing contracts were terminated and reverse auction process was subsequently held. So, the total estimated contract value came to Rs.5264.35 crore and overall savings of approximately Rs.838 crore have been realised through re-tendering of works. This includes Rs.760 crore from head works and hydroelectric project and Rs.58 crore from tunnel works.

I request the Government of India to release the amount for completion of the Polavaram Irrigation Project immediately. Thank you.