

Title: Regarding grant of funds for Polavaram Irrigation Project

SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY (NANDYAL): The Polavaram Project, a multipurpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in Andhra Pradesh, was awarded National status in 2014. However, despite being a national project, the cost of integrating the water supply component in the project is not being covered by the Centre. An amount of Rs. 4,068.43 crore is, therefore, reduced from the total expenditure cost for the project.

The water supply component is clubbed with the irrigation component in any national project and not following the same may result in the Polavaram project being the only national project without a water supply component.

Moreover, the water supply component is a crucial part of the Polavaram Project as it will provide drinking water facilities to the people living in the surrounding rural and urban areas as well as industrial water supply to Vishakhapatnam township and steel plant. The non-coverage of the water supply component in the case of Polavaram is not consistent with other National Projects.

Therefore, I request the Government that the consistent dispensation applied to all National Projects be applied in the case of the Polavaram Irrigation Project and thus the funds for the water supply component be dispensed.