

Regarding Polavaram Irrigation Project - laid

SHRI MARGANI BHARAT (RAJAHMUNDRY): The intermediate benefits from the Polavaram Irrigation Project on the Godavari River can be achieved with the swift execution of the project up to the Minimum Draw Down Level of +41.15 mts. The ad hoc funds required to assessed as Rs. 17,148 cr. I would like to request the Government that additional funds required to complete the project up to the Full Reservoir Level (FRL) +45.72 mts is assessed at Rs. 55,000 crore as revised estimation cost (2019-20) to realise the full contemplated benefits. However, the unprecedented floods in the Godavari experienced during 2021 & 2022 and their subsequent impact on the surrounding areas has expedited the need for immediate rehabilitation and relief provision to the project evacuees. The Centre has agreed to revise ad hoc grant estimates to Rs 17,148 crore from Rs 12,911 crore keeping in view the state government's request. Hence, due to the circumstances created by the Godavari floods, I request the Government to release the sanctioned funds on an ad-hoc basis, pending the final assessment of the revised costs so that the construction works of the project can proceed smoothly and to enable the Government of Andhra Pradesh to continue the execution of the multi-purpose irrigation project including land acquisition and providing rehabilitation facilities without any delay.