

Title : Regarding development of Polavaram Irrigation Project in

Andhra Pradesh

SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH (VIJAYAWADA): Hon. Chairperson, Madam, the Polavaram Irrigation Project is a true national project that will benefit six States in India. This project witnessed remarkable progress under the leadership of Chandra Babu Naidu. By 2019, an impressive 71.93 per cent of the civil works and 18.66 per cent of land acquisition and resettlement had been completed. However, from 2019 until May 2024, during the tenure of previous Government in Andhra Pradesh, only 3.84 per cent of civil works and 3.89 per cent of land acquisition tasks were accomplished. Now, with a mission-mode approach, the current Andhra Pradesh Government has taken decisive steps to get the Polavaram project back on track. The Chief Minister has declared every Monday as Polavaram Day, ensuring his personal visit to the project site. This approach promises accelerated progress and timely completion.

Thus, we earnestly urge upon the Central Government to release sufficient funds for the development of this critical project. ? (*Interruptions*) The Polavaram project is more than just infrastructure; it is the lifeline that will fuel the growth and future of Andhra Pradesh.