

Regarding release of all necessary funds for completion of Polavaram Irrigation Project and approval with regard to rehabilitation package

SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR (ELURU): Thank you, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to speak on an important issue related to the Polavaram Project in my constituency, Eluru. This project is very close to the heart of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

Sir, I would like to thank the hon. Prime Minister, the hon. Finance Minister and the hon. Jal Shakti Minister for recognizing the significance of Polavaram Project and its importance for nation's food security.

Sir, the Polavaram Project was first thought of during 1940s. The work on this project was initiated in 1980s. But the construction of the project picked up its momentum in 2014, and over 70 per cent of the work got completed by 2019. There was a flood in 2020 which badly affected this project and its work could not go further.

Sir, this is a dream project for the people of Andhra Pradesh. Once completed it will give benefits to six different States. It will produce about 960 megawatt of hydroelectric power, and will irrigate a land area of about 436,000 hectares. It will not only supply drinking water to about 28 lakh people across 540 villages but also ensure 23 TMC of water for industrial and domestic use in Visakhapatnam.

Now, with the NDA Government in the Centre and the TDP Government in the State, we hope this project to be completed as early as possible. People of Andhra Pradesh have been waiting for this project for almost 40 years. I would humbly request the hon. Jal Shakti Minister to once visit this project so that it can be completed.

Sir, through you, I would humbly request the Government to release all necessary funds for completion of Polavaram Irrigation Project and expedite all necessary approvals with regard to infrastructure and Relief and Rehabilitation Package (R&R). These two things are very important for completion of this project. This is a very important project. I would request the Government to consider it positively. Thank you, Sir.

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