

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3936  
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POLAVARAM PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of people and area of Orissa would submerge due to setting up of Polavaram Multipurpose project of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether environmental clearance has been granted without considering the adverse impact of the project on people and area of Orissa;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) the reasons for ignoring the views of State Government of Orissa in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) As per the information provided by the project authority to Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) at the time of seeking environmental clearance, 6315 persons from Orissa are likely to be affected by this project. The area of Orissa likely to be submerged is 12 sq.km.
- (b) to (d) MOEF has informed that the Expert Committee of the Ministry of Environment & Forests had examined this issue and suggested to provide rehabilitation and resettlement as per Andhra Pradesh Government's Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy 2005 which was better than National Policy on Resettlement & Rehabilitation 2003. The MOEF has further informed that the Government of Orissa did not raise any objection till the project was accorded environmental clearance.