

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5037  
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POLAVARAM PROJECT  
Reddy Shri Anantha Venkatarami

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to declare Indira Sagar Polavaram Project as a national project; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted the proposal of Indirasagar Polavaram Project for inclusion as National Project in April, 2009 to Central Water Commission. The project was recommended for inclusion as National Project by the High Powered Steering Committee of Ministry of Water Resources in August, 2009. The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) Memorandum was discussed in the EFC meeting held on 5.3.2010 and it was inter-alia decided that State Government may work out realistic cost & implementation programme of the project. The revised cost estimate of the project submitted by the State Government in August 2010 has been found acceptable by Advisory committee of Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) for Rs 16010.45 crores (Price Level 2010-11) in January 2011. Investment clearance from Planning Commission for revised cost estimate is to be obtained by State Government of Andhra Pradesh. Planning Commission has indicated that after considering all the facts of the project, it is decided to wait for further orders of the Supreme Court in the case before taking any action as the matter is sub-judice.