

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021

POLAVARAM MULTI-PURPOSE IRRIGATION PROJECT

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the pace of work of the Polavaram Multi-Purpose Irrigation Project, which is a national project, as per the AP State Reorganisation Act, is very slow and due to that there is cost and time escalation;
- (b) whether the project was inspected recently by experts, on the advice of Polavaram Project Authority about the works carried out and the remaining works to be done;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) by what time, the project is expected to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

- (a) As per Polavaram Project Authority (PPA), pace of work in the PIP has been adversely impacted on account of multiple reasons such as Covid-19 pandemic, occurrence of deep scouring at Gap-I & Gap-II of Earth Cum Rock-Fill Dam and downstream Cofferdam, delay in completion of Rehabilitation & Resettlement activities, etc.
- (b) & (c) The project is regularly visited by experts/expert agencies from time to time. Members of Dam Design Review Panel (DDRP) visited the project on 19.02.2021. Experts from Central Soil and Materials Research Station (CSMRS) inspected dam site from 23.08.2021 to 28.08.2021, Experts from Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS) from 20.09.2021 to 22.09.2021 & Officers from Polavaram Project Authority visited from 16.08.2021 to 18.08.2021, 24.10.2021 to 27.10.2021 & 23.11.2021 to 24.11.2021. Further, Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, visited the project from 23.11.2021 to 24.11.2021.
- (d) The targeted date of completion of the project is April, 2022.
