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COMPENSATION PAID TO FARMERS FOR POLAVARAM PROJECT

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers who gave land for Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh were given recently compensation of ₹ 5 lakh per acre;
- (b) if so, the total amount of compensation paid to farmers per acre;
- (c) the number of farmers given compensation and the total amount dispersed;
- (d) the number of farmers still left for getting compensation; and
- (e) by when the Polavaram project would be fully operational and details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (d) Implementation, including land acquisition, for Polavaram Irrigation (National) Project (PIP), is being carried out by Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) on behalf of Government of India. GoAP has informed that compensation for land acquired for the project is being paid as per the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land and Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act, 2013. GoAP has further informed that the farmers whose lands have been acquired, are seeking enhancement of compensation to Rs 5 lakh per acre. However, no such decision, or disbursement thereof, has been undertaken by GoAP.

(e) The project was targeted for completion by April, 2022. However, due to covid pandemic, occurrence of deep scour at Gap-I and Gap-II of Earth cum Rock-fill (ECRF) dam, etc., delay against the targeted completion is anticipated. In this regard, a committee has been constituted by Polavaram Project Authority in November, 2021 to review & finalize revised construction schedule. Two meetings of the committee have been held so far.
