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Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman ji,
Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs,
Government of India, New Delhi.

**Subject : Important issues of the State of Andhra Pradesh pending with the
Ministry of Finance – Polavaram irrigation project – Special Category
Status - urgent action needed – reg.**

Respected Ma'am,

It is to bring to your kind notice that Section 90(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, declared Polavaram Irrigation Project as a National Project and the Act clearly says that it is expedient in the public interest that the Union Government takes under its control regulation and development. Then, in May, 2014, an SPV was created to execute the project through State Government departments or any other expert agency. So, it becomes clear that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is only an executing agency and GOI shall have the overall responsibility of completing the project.

The investment clearance for Polavaram was done on the basis of 2010-11 price level. When PPA asked GoAP to submit revised cost estimates, it had submitted its revised estimates at 2017-18 price level. So, there is an increase in the price level mainly due to paying compensation to affected people as per 2013 Land Acquisition Act.

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The Act was passed in 2014 and we are now in 2021 – more than 7 years have been elapsed, but the progress of the project is not picking up in view of Government of India's apathy in approving the 2nd revised cost estimates (Rs. 55,656 crores) of the project as recommended by PPA and Central Water Commission and accepted by the Technical Advisory Committee of Jal Shakti Ministry two-and-a-half years ago. Due to delay in quickening the process of rehabilitation and resettlement of those who are losing their lands is standing as a hurdle. The Government of Andhra Pradesh and the hon. Chief Minister have written umpteen letters, personally met Jal Shakti Minister and also hon. Prime Minister for expediting the processes, approving the revised estimates, reimbursement of money to the tune of Rs. 1,920 crores already spent by Government of Andhra Pradesh since January, 2021, during this difficult period of COVID fell on deaf ears.

In view of the above, it is requested for your good office to personally intervene in the prevailing situation and consider the following for early resolution:

1. To accord investment clearance for Polavaram Irrigation Project as recommended by Polavaram Project Authority and Central Water Commission as accepted by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Jal Shakti for Rs. 55,656.87 crores at 2017-18 price level at the earliest so that project works including land acquisition and rehabilitation and resettlement can be completed as per schedule by June, 2022.
2. To reimburse the expenditure without restricting to component-wise eligibility;

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3. To consider reimbursement as per the actual, of the LA and R&R compensation for Project affected families of the project, under the Right to Fair Compensation & Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013

We would hence urge you to act upon our demands for the early completion of the project which is the dream of 5 crore people of AP for the past 7 years. Any further delay would only increase the cost of the project.

Requesting you to kindly do the needful.

Yours Sincerely,

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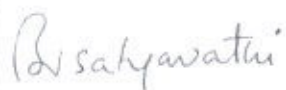

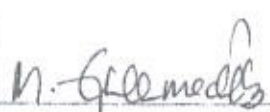
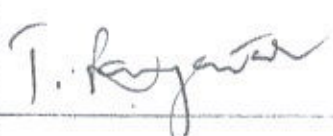
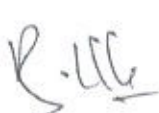

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