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Title: Request to consider the Seven Balloons Barrage project and Padalse project under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichayeen Yojana and allocate fund for their completion in Jalgaon, Maharashtra.

**SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL (JALGAON):** The Seven Balloons Barrage project on the Girna River is a crucial project for catering to the drinking water supply and irrigation in my Lok Sabha constituency of Jalgaon. Currently, there is no barrage on the nearly 140 km long Girna River. The construction of seven barrages with smart pneumatically-operated weirs at the Girna River of Jalgaon District has been given administrative approval by both the Central and State Governments. The farmers of North Maharashtra region have been suffering from problems of poor irrigation and drought for decades now. This project is a first of its kind in the country and its operationalization will benefit the farmers and the citizens in the areas of Chalisgaon, Amalner, Dharangaon, Bhadgaon, Pachora and Jalgaon. I request the Government to kindly consider this as an innovative project and grant approval for disbursement of necessary funds for the implementation of the project.

The Padalse project on the Lower Tapi River or the Nimna Tapi project as is known locally, is an important project in Amalner Taluka in my Jalgaon Constituency. The project will provide irrigation as well as drinking water supply to nearly 60 villages in Amalner Taluka. There are two rivers that flow through Jalgaon district, namely, the Tapi River and its tributary, Girna River. I regret to inform that even after 70 years of

Independence, there are only a handful of projects on these rivers for the benefit of farmers of North Maharashtra.

I would request the Government to consider these projects under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana. Thank you.