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Title: Need to include Padalse Irrigation Project in Maharashtra under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana. - Laid

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL (JALGAON): The Padalse Project on the Lower Tapi River is an important irrigation project in Amalner taluka in my Jalgaon constituency. The project will provide irrigation and drinking water supply to nearly 60 villages in Amalner, and Talukas in Jalgaon and Dhule districts. I regret to inform that even after 70 years of Independence, there are few projects on the Tapi and Girna rivers for the benefit of farmers of North Maharashtra, despite being one of the leading cotton and banana producers in the country. This has also led to many farmer suicides. Now, to make use of advanced technologies and know-how for the Padalse Project, I appeal to the Government to include it in the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana. This will improve the efficiency and reach of the project through components like More Crop Per Drop and Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme.