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Title: Need to declare 'Kaleshwaram' Irrigation Project in Telangana as National Project and provide Rs. 20,000 crore as financial assistance

***SHRI DAYAKAR PASUNOORI (WARANGAL):** Hon. Speaker Sir, in Telangana 70% of population depends on agriculture for livelihood. Telangana is home for one of the most fertile lands in our country. Farming is pre dominantly dependent on wells, tube wells and ponds. All these sources of water dried up as de-silting was never done. Through Mission Kakatiya around 9500 lakes and wells were desilted and replenished. Our Chief Minister Shri K Chandrashekhar Rao is providing 24 hours power for agriculture which is unheard of in other parts of our country. Similarly, through 'Rythu Bandhu' scheme, financial assistance Rs.10,000 per acre is being provided to the farmers by the Government of Telangana, led by our Chief Minister Shri K Chandra Shekhara Rao.

Though Telangana is surrounded by rivers like Krishna and Godavari, hundreds of TMCs of river water get drained into the sea. To save these waters Kaleshwaram project is being built which will be the highest irrigation project in our country. I request through you sir, that the Union Government may give the status of National project to 'Kaleshwaram project' and provide Rs. 20,000 crores as financial assistance.