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Title: Regarding inclusion of irrigation projects from Nandurbar under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT (NANDURBAR): Since 2016-17, 99 on-going major/medium irrigation projects in the country under PMKSY have been prioritized in consultation with States for completion in phases out of which 26 are in Maharashtra. PMKSY guidelines provide for giving priority to projects belonging to aspirational districts. However, not a single irrigation project has been sanctioned for my constituency of Nandurbar whose northern boundary is defined by the great Narmada river and is also one of the districts which receive water from the Sardar Sarovar Project and is also declared as an aspirational district. Nandurbar is a rural constituency comprising major tribal population and therefore it requires more infrastructure and rural development for its progress and due to lack of irrigation facilities there is malnutrition and migration of tribal farmers. Due to absence of irrigation facilities, farmers have to spend from their own pockets for creating makeshift facilities and the maximum impact is on small and marginal farmers. I request the Government to carry out a survey and include irrigation projects from Nandurbar under the PMKSY in order to augur and build better irrigation facility and infrastructure which will facilitate the holistic development of Nandurbar and its people and achieve the vision of 'har khet ko pani' and doubling farmers income.