

**Regarding inclusion of Padalse Project under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana and operationalisation of Seven Balloon Project-laid**

**SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL (JALGAON):** The Padalse Project on the Lower Tapi will provide irrigation and drinking water supply to nearly 60 villages in Amalner taluka and Jalgaon and Dhule districts. Seven Balloons Barrage project on Girna River is crucial for catering to the drinking water supply and irrigation in Jalgaon. Construction of seven Barrages with smart pneumatically operated weirs/Balloon Weirs has been given fourth revised administrative approval costing Rs. 4890 crore by the Government of Maharashtra. Farmers of North Maharashtra region have been suffering due to drought for decades. Now, despite being one of the leading cotton and banana producers in the country. This is an ambitious project that will benefit 43, 600 hectares of Amalner and Chopra talukas by irrigating 17 TMC of water. In order to reduce the time required for this project, it will be commissioned in two phases. I request the Government to include Padalse Project under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana and operationalize Seven Balloon project at the earliest which will benefit farmers and citizens in Chalisgaon, Amalner, Dharangaon, Bhadgaon, Pachora and Jalgaon and also address the problem of lack of irrigation and water supply which has caused heavy financial and emotional distress to the farmers in my constituency.

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