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Title: Need to release balance amount for development of Vithal and Rukmini Temple in Pandharpur, Maharashtra-Laid.

SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE (PANDHARPUR) : Pandharpur in Maharashtra is situated on "Chandrabhaga" river. Pandharpur is holy place of Vithal and Rukmini Temple and lakhs of disciple (Bhakta) of Vithal come from various places like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh with Tal-Mrudung, saffron flat alongwith Dindi by walking all the way. On Ashadhi Ekadashi and Kartiki Ekadashi nearly 10 lakhs people gather for the occasion.

Government of India, sanctioned Rs. 27 crore for development and beautification of this holy place. Hon. Minister of Tourism and Culture visited also this holy place. Out of Rs. 27 crores sanctioned, only Rs. 2 crores have been received.

I request the Government to release the balance amount as early as possible.

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