

Title: Need to expedite construction of Khodashi dam on river Krishna in Karad Tehsil of Satara district, Maharashtra. - Laid.

SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL (KARAD) : There is utmost need to complete the construction of Khodashi Dam on river Krishna in Karad Tehsil of Satara District in Maharashtra which is lying incomplete from many years. Funds from Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme may be made available to complete the construction of this dam which will benefit the farmers along the Banks of river Krishna.

Khodashi dam was constructed by the British Regiment in 1920 on river Krishna. A canal was also constructed up to a length of 20 kms.

Maharashtra Government decided to construct a new dam on the downstream side at a distance of 100m from the existing stone masonry dam. After completion of this new dam, it was proposed to dismantle the old dam.

The construction of this dam was started but was stopped after completion of 50% works.

At present, the river bed is completely filled by silt and the capacity of the dam is reduced to 50% which is not benefiting the farmers.

In view of the hardships faced by the farmer, the intervention of the Central Government to complete the remaining portion of the dam through AIBP is of utmost need.