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Title: Need to start the project for artificial recharge of ground water- level in Jalgaon Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra - Laid.

SHRI HARIBHAU JAWALE (JALGAON) : The major area of my Jalgaon constituency from Maharashtra State particularly Tehsil of Yaval, Raver and Chopada have been declared as a DARK Zone by Ministry of Water Resources, Central Ground Water Board, Government of India, New Delhi. The ground water level of this area is depleting day by day and recently it has been noticed at the range of 400-500 ft. With my efforts and in consultation of CGWB, it (CGWB) conducted a feasibility report to Artificial Recharge of Ground, and the concerned authorities of CGWB had given feasibility report recommending of Artificial Recharge Ground. Based on this, Government of Maharashtra have conducted a survey and proposed a Mega Recharge Scheme, Flood Canal along the foot hills of Satpuda along the contact of Basaltic formation and alluvial zone. The canal would be carrying surplus run of water during monsoon period. This water can be utilized to recharge the ground water reservoir through recharge shafts. The recharge shaft can be located near the canal in Bazada zone and continuous recharge from canal water can be undertaken.

The Mega Recharge project taken up for the Bazada zone would not only bring in additional recharge compared to the natural recharge situation but would to large extent compensate the excessive development of ground water resources taking place in Tapi alluvial plain. Considering the above fact and the alarming situation of ground water level in my constituency of Jalgaon, Maharashtra State, I humbly request to Minister of Water Resources to take up the project on top priority.