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Title: Need to provide additional funds to the Government of Gujarat under ARWSP to solve drinking water problem in the state.

SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR (VADODARA): Sir, in three-fourth parts of the Gujarat State, there is hardly any local source of water available on which reliable and sustainable water supply system can be built. Therefore, no alternative is left except to transport water through bulk transmission pipeline and distribution network by adopting the principle of inter-basin transfer of water, for which the Government of Gujarat had requested the Union Government to provide an additional fund to the tune of Rs. 65 crore to Gujarat under ARWSP.

I would urge the Government to resolve the issue at the earliest.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Pradeep Gandhi -- Not present.