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Title: Need to take up the Subarnarekha Barrage in West Bengal as a Central Project.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Sir, in West Bengal, two major irrigation projects have been sanctioned – one is the Teesta Barrage and the other one is the Subarnarekha Barrage. The Teesta Barrage is undertaken as a Central project. But till today, it is a long pending issue about the Subarnarekha Barrage. Last time, during the UPA-I period, the Government had initiated to implement this project and the DPR had been prepared by the State Government. But now, this is already undone and the situation is very serious. So far as Jangal Mahal is concerned, the Subarnarekha Barrage is an important ingredient for its development. So, I urge upon the Union Government to take up the Subarnarekha Barrage as a Central project. I earnestly request the Central Government at the last day of the Session, at last day of the sitting of the 15th Lok Sabha to take up the Subarnarekha Barrage as a Central project for the development of the Jangal Mahal.