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Title : Need to provide adequate financial assistance for the completion of Jayakwad-Majalgaon Right Bank Canal Project in Maharashtra.

SHRI GANESHRAO NAGORAO DUDHGAONKAR (PARBHANI): I would like to raise a very important issue for the early completion of Jayakwadi - Majalgaon Right Bank Canal. Jayakwadi Project is one of the largest irrigation and multipurpose projects in Maharashtra State. Its water is used mainly to irrigate agricultural land in the drought prone Marathwada region of Maharashtra state. The surrounding area of the dam has a beautiful garden and a bird sanctuary. It has in its lifetime overflowed 17 times. On 10 August 2006, highest discharge of 250000 cubic feet/s was recorded. The length of left bank canal is 208 KMs & of right bank canal is 132 KMs. Now work of the rest of the 47 KMs is held up due to lack of financial provisions. Due to non-completion of this canal project upto Kandhar, the proper utilization of the water for the irrigation has been hampered. Early completion of this ambitious project is very essential for the development of my constituency Parbhani and Marathwada region. I would like to raise long-standing demand of the people of drought prone Marathwada region to complete the remaining 47 KMs of Majalgaon right bank canal work which is held up from last 15 years. It will irrigate around 45,000 acres of land which would increase the agriculture production and bring prosperity in this Marathwada region.

I earnestly request the Central Government for early completion of Jayakwadi-Majalgaon Right Bank Canal project by providing sufficient financial assistance which would bring social, economical prosperity of this region.