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Title: Need to undertake a fresh survey for the construction of Stage-2 of Kandi canal in Punjab.

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH (ANANDPUR SAHIB): The Kandi canal extension is proposed to be constructed from Hoshiarpur to Balachaur with a view to provide irrigation facilities to the Barani area of Kandi Tract for Hoshiarpur and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar districts.

The construction of Stage-2 of this canal is to be carried out in Tehsil Balachaur of District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar in Lok Sabha Constituency of Sri Anandpur Saheb which I represent. The project is being financed by Government of India under Central Loan Assistance through A.I.B.P. Scheme.

It is learnt that the route surveyed and determined as of now for its construction will not serve the principal purpose/need of this canal as the canal, if constructed, according to this route, will provide the irrigation facility to only those lands which are already under irrigation by virtue of tube wells being there and the Barani land of the Kandi Tract shall remain un-irrigated in spite of all the expenditure incurred. As such, an ill-conceived mapping would cause lasting damage to both un-irrigated as well as irrigated tracts.

I would request the Hon'ble Union Minister for Water Resources to enquire into the facts concerning the construction of Stage-2 of the Kandi canal and by ordering a fresh survey of the route so that the basic purpose to irrigate Barani land of the poor farmers of Kandi area is fulfilled and their problems mitigated.