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Title: Need to provide adequate irrigation facilities in Sangli district of Maharashtra.

*SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL (SANGLI): Irrigation is a burning issue in India. Lack of proper mechanism, lack of planning in irrigation and ignorance from the policy makers of the past led to man-made crises which created the unrest among the different societies. Therefore, it is the duty of all the parliamentarians to address all the important issues of irrigation.

Irrigation facilities in the state of Maharashtra are not sufficient to meet the growing present demands. Tembhu, Takari-Mhaisal, Arafal, the current irrigation projects in the Sangli Lok Sabha Constituency, have been stalled due to previous State and Central Government's non-intervention since last 20-25 years. Farmers in Sangli District will have to strive hard to increase their productivity to meet the growing demands of food. Therefore, to meet the growing demands of the food, irrigation facilities need to be developed. I, therefore, urge the Central Government to have a fresh look on the issue of irrigation.

To sort out the ongoing crises of the irrigation in District of Sangli, policy makers need to have in-depth, holistic approach to find out the pragmatic solution to deal with the problems of irrigation in Maharashtra on urgent basis.