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Title: Regarding issue of water shortage in Mumbai city.

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE (MUMBAI SOUTH CENTRAL): Thank you, hon. Speaker for allowing me to speak on an important issue of water shortage in Mumbai City.

It is very painful to think that a coastal city of Mumbai has been facing acute problem of drinking water. This is not a natural problem, but it is due to the non-planning and mismanagement of the predecessor Governments.

Madam, I would like to draw the attention of the Government that in the year 2010 an MoU was signed by the Central Government, Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat States for transfer of surplus Daman Ganga water to proposed Pinjal Dam. The proposed Pinjal Dam will transfer an estimated 1,586 MLD water from Daman Ganga to Pinjal. Mumbai will get total 2,451 MLD water. In the proposed project two Dams will be built at Bhugad and Khargihill. The water will be transferred to Pinjal through linking tunnels. The estimated cost is around Rs. 2,747 crore. The work will be executed by the National Water Development Agency, Government of India.

Madam, this project is very important to fulfil the water shortage in Greater Mumbai. I request hon. Prime Minister to declare this link project as National Project. Fifty percent Central Government funding may be provided to MCGM for Pinjal project. Also this project may be executed by Central Government agency of its early completion.

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