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Title: Need for immediate repair of cracks in Hirakud Dam.

SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN (SAMBALPUR): Mr. Chairman Sir, I want to draw the kind attention of the Minister for Water Resources to a serious concern. Sir, you know that Hirakud Dam is situated in Odisha, and particularly in my constituency, Sambalpur. This is the longest dam in the world. Its construction started in the First Five Year Plan and completed in the Second Five Year Plan.

Now the concern is, there is a crack in the concrete structure of that building. The Odisha Government has located the problem and has written to the Ministry of Water Resources of the Government of India. A scientific team of the Department of Water Resources reached Bhubaneswar and discussed the matter with our State Government but no concrete decision has been taken as a result of which, I apprehend, that any type of danger may occur in respect of that dam. The rainy season is on. Huge quantity of water will be pouring into the dam. I do not know whether the dam will exist or not. There may be some kind of danger to the dam.

Sir, through you, I request the Ministry of Water Resources to look into the matter immediately.

HON. CHAIRPERSON : Shri Hansraj Ahir – not present.