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Title: Regarding declaration of Dimbhe-Manikdoh Water Tunnel as a National Project -laid.

DR. SUJAY VIKHE PATIL (AHMEDNAGAR): Dimbhe canal under the Kukari Irrigation is used for addressing the irrigation needs of the farmers in Ahmednagar and is designed to discharge water at 1240 cubic feet per second. Due to leakage and recurring repairs it cannot discharge more than 550 cubic feet per second which has led to loss of water. To address this issue, the construction of 15km Dimbhe-Manikdoh water tunnel with an estimated cost of 300 crore was proposed which would save nearly 2TMC water and bring additional area under irrigation. The project has been approved by MKVDC and Central Water Commission. I request the Government to kindly declare this tunnel as a National Project and grant central assistance to the tune of 60 percent of the project cost to ensure timely construction which will solve the water problems of farmers and common people living in drought prone talukas of Karjat, Parner, Shrigonda which fall under my Parliamentary constituency of Ahmednagar.