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Title: Regarding support to Kukadi Irrigation project under accerated irrigated benefit programme or irrigation sector improving programme for bridging the irrigation gap in Ahmednagar.

डॉ. सुजय विखे पाटील (अहमदनगर): सभापति महोदय, आपने मुझे शून्य काल में बोलने का अवसर दिया, इसके लिए मैं आपको धन्यवाद देता हूं ।

मैं अपनी बात मराठी में कहना चाहता हूं ।

*Hon. Chairman Sir, thank you very much for allowing me to speak in this Zero Hour. I would like to speak in Marathi. In my constituency Ahmednagar, under Kukadi Irrigation Project, Dimbhe Dam and Dimbhe Canal have been constructed. The capacity of Dimbhe Canal is 1240 cusec but only 350 cusec of water is flowing through the canal as it is not renovated since long. Hence, there is a heavy loss of irrigation facility. To solve this problem the Maharashtra Government had proposed to construct a 15 km long water tunnel from Dimbhe to Manikdoh with the total expenditure of Rs.300 crore. Considering the economic condition of our State Government, this project cannot be completed.

Hence, through you, I would like to request the Central Government to come forward to support this project under Accerated Irrigated Benefit Programme or Irrigation Sector improving programme for bridging the irrigation gap. This project can be completed if the Central Government sanction Rs. 300 crore under this head, and the farmers would also get additional 2 TMC water for irrigation in my Constituency Ahmednagar.

Thank you.

19.00 hrs