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Title: Request to grant Rs. 500 Crore for Sakalai irrigation scheme through NABARD.

डॉ. सुजय विखे पाटील (अहमदनगर) : सभापति महोदय, आपने मुझे शून्य काल में बोलने का अवसर प्रदान किया है, उसके लिए मैं आपको धन्यवाद देता हूँ। महोदय, मेरी बात किसानों से जुड़ी हुई है, इसलिए मैं अपनी बात मराठी में रखना चाहूंगा।

Hon. Chairman Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak in Zero Hour. I would like to speak in Marathi as the issue is related to farmers. Sir, in my constituency Ahmednagar, 32 villages of Nagar and Shreegonda Tehsils are dependent on Sakalai Irrigation scheme under Kukadi Irrigation project. The farmers from this area have been fighting to get the benefits of irrigation for the last 25 years. The then Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadanavis ji had given Rs 1.5 crore for the survey work of this scheme. But, the fate of this scheme is uncertain as the new government has come to power in Maharashtra. Now, they are going to undertake survey for this scheme to ensure availability of water. In my district, late Balasaheb Vikhe Patil had constructed Vambhuri Chawl under NABARD Finance Scheme. Hence, through you, I would like to request the Central Government to grant Rs 500 crore for this Sakalai Irrigation Scheme through NABARD. Thank You.