

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding widening, deepening and fencing of rivers in Porbandar Parliamentary Constituency.

***SHRI RAMESHBHAI L. DHADUK (PORBANDAR):** Hon. Speaker Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. A large area of my parliamentary constituency Porbandar in Gujarat is known as “Ghed Region” which has a shape like saucer. Water of most of the rivers of Saurashtra like Ojat, Bhadar, Venu, Moj, Mesar, Sabli, Madhuvati and Vartur pass from this region and merge with ocean. But, as per topography our region has a shape like saucer, the water remains in this area for longer time due to its shape before merging with ocean. The area becomes an island in rainy season as water does not recede quickly. It causes extreme loss to agricultural lands and farmers have to suffer loss. Therefore, through you I would like to submit that the work of widening, deepening and fencing of the rivers is required. The Government has to pay compensation to farmers every year for their loss. In order to save this money for government and to stop the crops from being damaged or destroyed, fencing would be very helpful for both farmers and Government. Moreover, it will help to address the problems of farmers. It will also stop water from entering into villages. This work of fencing would cost huge amount and therefore, I request the Central Government to announce a package for this work and to do needful for the work of widening, deepening and fencing of the rivers.