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Title: Regarding desilting of irrigation projects in Odisha -laid.

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU (BEHRAMPUR): I am raising a very important issue of my Parliamentary Constituency. In my Parliamentary Constituency in Gazapati district, there exists small and medium irrigation projects which were constructed during pre-Independence era by Maharaja Krunha Chandra Gajapati for irrigation and drinking water purpose. Sir now it is a burning issue throughout the country. If we don't conserve water, then we shall face very difficult time in future. All the projects named as Gajapati Sagar, Ram Sagar, Sita Sagar, Krunha Sagar, Zego dam etc. are now full of silts and due to which their capacity has gone down to 1/4th of the Ayacut. So, I urge the Hon'ble Minister for 'Jal Shakti' to have some special pilot project to repair, renovate and reconstruct the above projects with special grants.