

**Title: Need to provide financial assistance to Government of Orissa to solve Water logging in Bhograi block of Balasore District, Orissa.**

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): Thirteen Gram Panchayats of Bhograi Block of Balasore district in Orissa remain inundated during the monsoon almost every year. Water logging due to the flow of water from the West Bengal side damages the kharif crop every year in an area covering about 100 square kilometres. The silting of the river and other water channels, construction of embankments parallel to the sea coast by the shrimp farmers and unauthorised encroachment of water passages by the local people are the main causes of such water logging. The State Government of Orissa is incapable of funding for such a project for drainage of water.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to take it up as a Centrally-sponsored scheme and provide funds for the same.