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Title : Issue regarding raising the height of Narmada Dam.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Thank you Sir. I would like to draw your attention and also the attention of the Union Government to the issue of Narmada Bachao Andolan.

Narmada Bachao Andolan continues to attract the national attention. There are a lot of questions being posed with regard to the Sardar Sarovar Project. The Sardar Sarovar Project, currently under implementation, is not in conformity with the prescribed condition on the environmental and rehabilitation aspects. There is a demand for suspending the construction work until that failure has been rectified.

The Union Water Resources Minister visited the place and the leaders of the Narmada Bachao Andolan met the hon. Minister. The Supreme Court verdict is also there. This is a very important issue. I would like the Government to take up the matter immediately and address the problems which are being faced by the Narmada Bachao Andolan. The rehabilitation programme should be implemented without delay.

Sir, the problem is that in spite of the movements and the national concern, the NCA has come to the conclusion that the height of the dam can be raised from 110 metres to 121 metres. It will cause more submerging of the population. It will cause more hardship to the people. This is a very important matter. So, the Union Government and the Prime Minister himself should intervene and address the problems as soon as possible. I think, the Government will think over it.