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Title : Need to declare Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat as a National project and ensure its timely completion with adequate provisions of funds for the scheme-Laid.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK (AHMEDABAD EAST): Government of Gujarat is implementing the Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) Project, the largest water resources development project of its type in the country and reportedly one of the three largest projects in the world. The Sardar Sarovar Project is a multi-dimensional project and yields benefits to vast areas of the western region, covering four states viz. Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. The project, on completion will facilitate irrigation to over 18 lacs hectares of land covering around 4000 villages, spread over 12 districts of Gujarat, mostly located in drought-prone areas. About 2,25,000 hectares of land in the arid areas of Barmer & Jalore districts in Rajasthan will also get the water. The project will also produce 1370 MW (with the ultimate capacity of 1450 MW) of hydro electricity, a cheap and environment-friendly power, providing stability to the western Grid and energy benefit to be shared among Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra & Gujarat. It also supplies domestic and drinking water to a large number of villages and urban areas in Gujarat as well as in Rajasthan. The project will provide a tremendous boost to the National Economy by way of increased agriculture production and eco-friendly power. The Government of Gujarat has been repeatedly requesting the Government of India to grant the status of infrastructure Project and also to declare the Sardar Sarovar Project as a National project and allocate necessary funds for the same. Sir, I request Government of India to do the needful at the earliest in this case and to ensure timely completion with adequate provision of funds for the scheme.