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Title : Need to speed up the work of Subarnarekha Barrage Project.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): The Subarnarekha barrage project was conceptualized long back with a view to have well-defined irrigation system that would have helped farmers of vast area including the large part of Paschim Medinipur and Purva Medinipur district of West Bengal along with creation of number of jobs that would have required for the Project.

Though initially the project was started with right earnest and some funds were allocated but the project got halted. The farmers are not receiving the benefit of irrigation and also facing the troubles of floods in monsoon season. The unemployed youths who had a dream to get a job in the project received nothing.

Due to delay in execution of the project the cost has also been escalated. Therefore, to stop further escalation what is needed is the speedy sanction and its implementation. Though the Central Government had assured at several times regarding the urgency of the project, nothing positive has come out so far.

Therefore, I strongly urge upon the Central Government to undertake the work of Subarnarekha Barrage Project without further delay so that the farmers and unemployed get the benefits and economic scenario of the entire area also changes.