

## **Regarding Need for construction of barrage or check dam on Udanti River in Sinapali Block of Khariar in Kalahandi Parliamentary Constituency, Odisha-laid**

**SHRIMATI MALVIKA DEVI (KALAHANDI):** I would like to urge the Hon?ble Minister of Jal Shakti to kindly consider the construction of a barrage/check dam on the Udanti River in Sinapali Block of Khariar Assembly Constituency in Kalahandi, my Parliamentary Constituency. This is a long-pending and genuine demand of the people of Khariar. The region was once infamously known as one of the poorest and most drought-prone areas of the country. Even today, a large section of the population depends solely on rain-fed agriculture, making their livelihoods extremely vulnerable. The construction of this barrage will ensure water security, provide assured irrigation, and significantly improve agricultural productivity. It will directly benefit the poorest sections of Odisha, enable farmers to earn a sustainable livelihood, and contribute to overall socio-economic development of the region. I earnestly urge the Hon?ble Minister to kindly look into this matter on priority and sanction the barrage/check dam at the earliest in the interest of the people.