

Regarding demand for Central funding and interest free loans for timely completion of Wainganga Nalganga River Linking Project

SHRI ANUP SANJAY DHOTRE (AKOLA): Honorable Chairperson Ma'am, I am deeply grateful to you for giving me this opportunity to speak on an issue of immense importance to our farmers. I wish to bring to the attention of this House a highly ambitious project of our state's Honorable Chief Minister, Shri Devendra Fadnavis's the Wainganga-Nalganga River Linking Project.

Speaker Ma'am, this project involves the creation of a new 388-kilometer river, designed to provide water for agriculture, domestic use, and industrial purposes. On March 9, 2026, this massive infrastructure project, valued at ₹94,967 crores, received formal administrative approval. The scale of this initiative is truly historic: it involves the acquisition of 31,495 hectares of land, will create a command area of 4.04 lakh hectares, and will ultimately provide irrigation to over 6.11 lakh hectares.

■ Through you, Ma'am, I urge the Honorable Minister of Jal Shakti to allocate significant central funding for this project. Given its vital importance to the region's prosperity, I also request the Central Government to provide Interest-Free Loans through specialized government schemes to ensure its timely completion.

■ Speaker Ma'am, India's history shows that during previous Congress regimes, projects were often initiated but never completed, languishing for 30 to 40 years. However, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, we have seen numerous mega-projects being completed with unprecedented speed and efficiency. While our opponents continue to protest and create hurdles, I am confident that this project will be successfully realized under this government's vision.

■ I request the House to support this initiative which will transform the lives of millions of farmers. Thank you!