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Title: Regarding drinking water problem in Ongole parliamentary constituency, Andhra Pradesh- laid.

**SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY (ONGOLE) :** My Ongole Parliamentary Constituency is in Prakasam District, which is a backward district. The impact of fluoride problem in drinking water is

acute in western and south western part of the district. The fluoride presence in the ground water has been observed to be nearly 2.0 to 4.4 ppm and the people drink this fluoride water due to inaccessibility of surface water. The western and south western part of the district mainly depend on the Nagarjunasagar right Canal. Normally the entire 1122 affected habitations depend on the ground water using borewell water by Hand pumps and Power pumps.

The impact of high fluoride content in the potable water causes damage to the health of people and affects the average life span of the people. As per health department, there are about 424 deaths and 1743 patients are diagnosed with chronic diseases in the entire district. The Kanigiri Assembly Constituency of Ongole Parliamentary Constituency is a drought prone area of western Prakasam District which is fluoride affected since inception with 145 number of NSS habitations in this particular area out of 1122 total quality affected in the entire district.

The Kanigiri Assembly Constituency comprises of 6 mandals/ blocks namely (1) Kanigiri (2) H.M.Padu (3) C.S.Puram (4) Pamuru (5) Veligandla (6) P.C. Palli. There are 444 number of habitations in the

constituency and the total population is 2,60,638. I request Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti to take necessary action to solve the drinking water problem in severe drought and fluoride affected areas of my Parliamentary Constituency.