

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding acute shortage of drinking water in Devanagere Parliamentary Constituency and other parts of Karnataka.

SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR (DAVANAGERE): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Jal Shakti towards the acute shortage of drinking water in Karnataka, especially in my Devanagere parliamentary constituency.

The Devanagere Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka is in the middle of the State. According to the Nanjundappa Report, my constituency has more backward taluks which are facing water scarcity and many other problems. The groundwater level has depleted as there is no water in lakes and ponds. There is no water in the borewells even at a depth of 1,000 feet. At some places, the water is harmful with high fluoride and not safe for drinking.

Even though the River Tungabhadra passes through my constituency for 70 kilometres, there is acute shortage of water. All the lakes should be filled with water by lifting it from River Tungabhadra. It will solve the problem of water shortage and also recharge the groundwater.

Since the Karnataka Government is unable to release its share of grant to the drinking water projects, I urge upon the Union Government to take special care of Karnataka, particularly backward constituencies like Devanagere, to solve the drinking water problem at the earliest, for the benefit of the people. Thank you.

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