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Title: Need to take steps to desilt the bed of Kondakarla Ava lake in Andhra Pradesh.

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Thank you very much, Speaker, Sir. 'विंध्य हिमाचल यमुना गंगा उच्छलजलधितरंग' ऐसी सुंदर भारत भूमि में, we have a historical natural water body, Kondakarla Ava Lake. It is the second biggest lake in Andhra Pradesh. It has a bed area of 2,654 acres. It is a very good bird sanctuary also. Every year, one species of Ciberian bird comes to Ava, lays eggs, hatches them and goes back along with the baby birds. It is a very beautiful place, but it is facing a lot of problems.

I would like to bring to the kind notice of the Minister of Jal Shakti and the Minister of Tourism that the present capacity of the lake is not sufficient to cater to the needs of ayacut to the full extent. There is overflow of water, which is destroying all the surrounding villages. So, my request to the hon. Minister of Jal Shakti and the Minister of Tourism is to desilt the bed of the lake, strengthen the banks of the river, provide mechanised boats, construct guest houses, and also deepen the bed so that the storage capacity of ayacut is increased.