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Title: Need for permission to acquire 5 acre forest land for lift irrigation Project based on Backwaters of Nagarjuna Sagar in Palanadu region Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI LAVU SRIKRISHNA DEVARAYALU (NARASARAOPET):

Thank you Speaker Ji for giving me this opportunity and I also thank the people of my constituency who have reposed faith in me and sent me here.

I have been here for the last two weeks and listening to a lot of people speaking about water crisis in various constituencies. Mostly, they are all man-made disasters or the result of greed of some people. What I am bringing here to your notice is something totally different.

Nagarjuna Sagar dam was conceived in the year 1952. It was constructed in my constituency. During that time, the people of my constituency worked there and built it with their own hands. They sacrificed so much and thought that, at some point of time, they would also get water and some benefit from it.

The water from Nagarjuna Sagar has been used by the villagers or towns downstream, but unfortunately the Palnadu Region, where I come from, has been a drought-prone area for the last 50 years or so. If you check all the data that is available for the last 50 years, then you will come to know that every time there is a drought it is always in the Palnadu Region.

Therefore, I would request the Jal Shakti Ministry to do Varikapudisela Project, which is a lift irrigation project and which can

draw water from backwaters of Nagarjuna Sagar and provide water to almost 4,50,000 households and can irrigate up to 1,20,000 acres of farm land. There is a hitch in doing this project, which is that the lift irrigation has to be done through forest areas. So, we need permission from the Ministry of Forests wherein five acres of land has to be given to this project.

I sincerely hope that both the Ministries will look into this issue and speed-up the whole project. Thank you very much, Sir.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: माननीय सदस्यगण, मैं फिर से आग्रह करता हूँ कि मैंने व्यवस्था दी है कि कोई भी माननीय सदस्य आसन पर नहीं आए । इसके लिए मैंने सभी राजनीतिक दलों के फ्लोर लीडर्स से आग्रह किया कि वे अपने-अपने माननीय सदस्यों से आग्रह करेंगे । अब कोई माननीय सदस्य, अगर आसन पर आएगा तो मुझे नाम लेकर पुकारना पड़ेगा ।

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