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Title: Need to take steps to provide water from Godavari river to Narsapuram Parliamentary constituency, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU (NARSAPURAM): Sir, I represent Narsapuram Parliamentary Constituency which is in the West Godavari district. As the name 'Godavari' is there in the district, all Godavari canals are around us. But unfortunately, because of aquaculture, which is the backbone of our economy, there is acute drinking water shortage and the entire water has got polluted due to salinity.

I would request that the Rural Development Ministry of the Central Government should give special focus, as a special case, on giving us the major trunk lines for water from Godavari River. We would lay the subsequent lines. Since we are getting huge revenue – worth Rs. 15,000 crore to the Exchequer – through aquaculture, as a special case, the Rural Development Ministry should kindly look into this issue. If you suggest, we would also meet them and request them for the support. Thank you, Sir.