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Title: Regarding raising the height of Polavaram Project and concern of Orissa.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): I am raising a very important issue which is very close to our State and that relates to the Polavaram Project. Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh in 1980 had agreed to for the construction of Polavaram Project. The total reservoir capacity was 36 lakh cusecs. But what has happened in between is that Andhra Pradesh Government had raised the height of the dam and that is how, it is inundating large parts of Odisha. The present incessant rain has caused flood havoc in river Sileru and river Sabari. Andhra Pradesh Government has been saying that they will construct embankments on both sides of the river to which Odisha Government objected. The case is pending in the Supreme Court of India. The problem today is that with the increase of height, the Polavaram project is creating havoc in our State and also a part of Telangana. I would request the present Government to impress upon Andhra Pradesh Government to have another additional spillway. It is because they have already heightened the dam. The only other engineering skill would be to have an additional spillway so that the flood water will be released and our part of Odisha will not get inundated.

Motu has been affected to a very great extent which is the extreme point of Odisha and it is really difficult to provide succour to the tribal people of that area. I would urge upon the Government to intervene in this matter urgently.