

Title: Urged to send a study team and take immediate relief measures in the drought affected areas of Karnataka.

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN): Sir, 50 per cent of the *taluks* in Karnataka are facing a severe drought condition. The *taluks* are struggling even to fetch drinking water. Cattle and crops are in distress conditions. There is no rain even in the catchment area of the rivers. In fact, the monsoon which was to arrive in May has failed. None of the dams in the State is receiving even the normal water flow till today. This water crisis has upset the normal life in the State. Farmers in the rural areas are the worst affected. The total loss is expected to go beyond Rs.100 crore. Thousands of people are going out of the State everyday.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: What do you want the Government to do?

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA: I urge upon the Prime Minister to send a study team and take immediate relief measures. This is my contention.