**Title:** Requested to give financial assistance for laying new pipelines from Krishna river to Guntur and also to clear the drinking water project worth Rs 20 crore which was submitted under Rajiv Gandhi Pilot Scheme to supply fluoride free water to the villages.

SHRI Y.V. RAO (GUNTUR): Sir, there is an acute drinking water shortage in my constituency, Guntur district, primarily on account of more fluoride content in ground water of areas like Prattipadu, Chilakaluripet, Sattenapalli, etc. In view of fluorosis, these areas are required to be supplied with tank water. The Central Government should assist in ensuring that fluoride free water is supplied to the villagers. Meanwhile, bigger tanks are necessary for supply of water to these rural areas.

I also request for Central assistance for laying new pipelines from Krishna River to Guntur and also clear the drinking water project worth Rs.20 crore meant for Guntur which was submitted under Rajiv Gandhi Pilot Scheme.