

**Title:** Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Karnataka for solving drinking water problem in the State-Laid.

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN) : Even after 53 years of Independence, most of the villages in the country are facing the problem of potable water. This problem is of a highest magnitude in six districts of Karnataka, i.e. (1) four taluks in Hassan (2) Kolar District (3) Tumkur (4) southern parts of Bangalore (5) Chitradurga and (6) Mysore. Bellary and Hindupur districts also face this problem of drinking water. Surprisingly, neither the Centre nor the State could do anything about this.

There are some important rivers like Kumaradhara, Kempuhole Netravti in Karnataka. A substantial quantity of water of these rivers particularly during monsoon season go waste to the sea. There is urgent need to divert the water of these rivers, store and make available to the rural masses for drinking and for agriculture purposes.

I urge upon the Hon. Minister of Water Resources to allocate sufficient funds to divert the water of the above mentioned rivers and to help the rural masses of the State of Karnataka.