

**Title:** Need to release adequate funds to solve acute drinking water problem in Holenarasipura taluk in Karnataka – laid

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN) : The entire Holenarasipura Taluk is facing a severe shortage of drinking water. More than 50% of the villages in this taluk are not getting potable water. The women have to walk several kilometers to fetch drinking water. There are borewells in some of the villages of Holenarasipura Taluk. But unfortunately more than 75% of these borewells are out of order. This is the pathetic condition of the people in most of the villages. In this regard, we have represented to the Centre several times. The water of Netravathi is not being utilised fully. A substantial quantity of water goes to Kaveri river which ultimately reaches the sea. This wastage of water can be avoided by allowing it to flow to Holenarasipura. The height of this area is about 150 feet and hence flow of water will not be a problem. In fact, this kind of arrangement has been made in some districts of our State.

I, therefore, urge upon Hon. Union Minister concerned to look into this urgent matter and release substantial funds for providing drinking water to the entire area of Holensarasipura.