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Title: Need to take steps to conserve water of river Mandovi for meeting drinking water requirements of Hubli-Dharwad cities of Karnataka.

SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK (RAICHUR): Mandovi is a West flowing inter-State river in Western Ghat. The total catchment area of this river is 2032 sq. kms. out of which 375 kms. is in Karnataka. Almost the entire river water flows to the sea and it is not utilised properly. Hence, it is a very good idea to utilize the water of this river to meet the drinking water requirement of Hubli-Dharwad cities. All the three States Karnataka, Goa and Maharashtra had held a number of meetings with Central Water Commission. But, till now no solution has been found. The State Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government to intervene in the matter and instruct the Ministry of Water Resources to withdraw the abeyance letter dated 19.09.2002 without any further delay.