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Title: Need for renovation, restoration of water bodies in Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh, so that poor farmers are benefitted by these bodies.

SHRI L. RAJAGOPAL (VIJAYAWADA): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the hon. Finance Minister, in his Budget for the year 2005-06, had mentioned that the Government would take up restoration of at least one million water bodies in this country.[\[R31\]](#)

In fact, 14 States have been selected by the Government of India, of which Andhra Pradesh is one of them; and a lot of water bodies have been selected. About the Krishna district, though it is a prosperous district, there is a portion of it especially in my Parliamentary Constituency, with uplands and dry lands. Just because it is a prosperous district, the water bodies in my district and in my Parliamentary Constituency have not been selected. In fact, there are more than 350 water bodies available in my district and in my Parliamentary Constituency. In fact, most of them have been silted and they have also been filled up beads. Therefore, we need to bring it to the notice of the Government that the upland regions of Krishna district should also be considered. All these water bodies have to be repaired, renovated and restored to the full capacity so that in the upland areas, the poor people and the poor farmers are benefitted because of these water bodies.