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Title: Acute shortage of drinking water in Vizianagaram Parliamentary Constituency, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): Mr. Deputy-Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to raise a matter of public importance regarding acute drinking water shortage in Vizianagaram parliamentary constituency.

In my Parliamentary Constituency, there is acute drinking water problem. We are facing drinking water problem due to brackish water because of coastal belt. The ground water is not able to charge itself. During summer, the water table goes down deeply. Due to non-availability of potable water people are facing a lot of health problems. The Central Government has launched the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission to provide safe drinking water under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). There are about 194 villages in Etcherla Assembly constituency under NRDWP. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has already submitted a proposal amounting to Rs.59 crores for the year 2010-11 by showing the source of water from the Nagavalli reservoir. It is the most backward area habited by fishermen and most backward people.

I urge upon the Government, through you, to sanction this project immediately for the benefit of the rural people of my constituency.