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Title: Need to solve the interstate water disputes between Odisha and Andhra Pradesh with a view to benefit the farmers of Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh.

DR. KRUPARANI KILLI (SRIKAKULAM): There are four inter-state rivers namely Vamsadhara, Bahuda, Mahendranaya and Nagavali, which originate from Odisha, and flow through Andhra Pradesh to join Bay of Bengal. These rivers are the main source of irrigation in Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts of Northern Andhra Pradesh. Due to very minor interstate disputes between Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, the districts of Andhra Pradesh are unable to utilize the river water and continue to be backward districts. Most of the farmers and agricultural labourers are migrating to the other parts of the country due to drought and unemployment. About 20,000 acres of agricultural land situated near Bahuda, Mahendranaya river and Nagavali rivers is not getting water for irrigation. The pending State-II works on river Vamsadhara alone will irrigate 1.2 lakh acres of land . The disputes relating to all the above four rivers between Odisha and Andhra Pradesh are to be resolved so as to benefit the farmers of Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh.

Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources to kindly look into the issues and resolve the inter-state water disputes between Odisha and Andhra Pradesh at the earliest for the benefit of farmers and agricultural labourers.