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Title: Need to conduct a study on the problem of contaminated drinking water in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh and grant funds for water schemes for providing safe drinking water to the people in the district.

DR. KRUPARANI KILLI (SRIKAKULAM): Srikakulam District is one of the most backward districts of Andhra Pradesh as well as in the country. Most of the population of this district are fishermen and Agriculture labourers. Many villages of the district lack basic amenities including potable drinking water. There are six Mandals (Palasa, Kanchili, Kaviti, Sompeta, Itchapuram and Vajrakotturu Mandals) in the district with high incidence of Kidney diseases. Drinking water is supplied by CPWSS in four Mandals and in some villages ground water is supplied through overhead tanks. The drinking water analysis and blood sample analysis in the affected areas were conducted by various organizations which proved contamination in drinking water. Severe symptoms of kidney related diseases are found among a large number of people of these areas. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has established a Dialysis Unit in RIMS, Srikakulam to combat the situation. More than 800 cases of Nephrology related diseases and more than 700 cases of dialysis cases are registered in the RIMS, Srikakulam and the number of such cases is increasing day by day. The people of the area are so poor that they cannot get treatment on their own.

Hence, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare to get a study conducted on the problem and take necessary steps to save the people of this area. I would also like to request the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development to grant funds to implement RWS schemes for supply of safe drinking water in the affected areas of Srikakulam District.