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Title: Need to provide drinking water in Andhra Pradesh particularly in Narasaraopet Parliamentary Constituency of the State.

SHRI M. VENUGOPALA REDDY (NARASARAOPET): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the problems being faced by the people in getting the drinking water in my Narasaraopen Constituency in Andhra Pradesh.

In my Narasaraopet Constituency many areas are facing acute drinking water shortage. There are neither proper pipelines, nor borewells or any other alternative arrangements to facilitate drinking water in the area. Many hamlets are reeling under acute scarcity of water. The ground water has been completely depleted in all the areas of Andhra Region. The borewells are dried up. The worst sufferers are the women. People have to fetch water from about 5 to 7 kilometers for their daily needs. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been making efforts but due to inadequate funds, the genuine demands of the people have not been met, so far. Nagarjuna Sagar Canal had become dry and the areas dependent on the said Canal are facing acute shortage. The Central Government should find an alternative to get the water from other sources to my Narasaraopet Constituency and other areas. Less rainfall and drought have added to the problem in my constituency.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation to intervene in the matter and provide at least potable water in the backward areas by announcing a special package, particularly for my constituency – Narasaraopet in Andhra Pradesh.