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Title: Need to address the problems of pollution being caused by Distillery industries at Singapur and Mukunda in Raichur, Karnataka.

*SHRI SHIVARAMA GOUDA (KOPPAL) : Hon. Chairman Sir, I would like to draw the attention of this House towards ill-health of the people of Singapura and Kukunda villages in my parliamentary constituency Koppal in Karnataka.

Sir, People are suffering from health problems caused by distillery units. In my constituency there is a Sovereign Distillery Unit situated at Singapura and

Mukunda villages. The said distillery is causing pollution of Tunga Bhadra river, which is the life line of the people of my region. There is a saying in Karnataka "Tunga Pana Ganga Snana" which means water of Tunga river is good for drinking and the river Ganga is good for bathing. But these days Tunga water is polluted due to effluents and hazardous waste of the Sovereign Distillery Unit.

The said distillery got five hundred acres of land saying that it would establish a drinking water project for the people of my district. Unfortunately our people are not getting safe drinking water, but suffering health hazardous due to this distillery unit. It is a matter of great concern that women and children, are very much affected as they are suffering from skin diseases and other ailments. People are leading miserable life every day. They are not getting pure air, water and environment to lead a happy life.

All these problems were covered and highlighted by the electronic and print media. For the last one week people are agitating and demanding for serious action against the distillery unit. People are demonstrating and holding dharanas.

Therefore I urge upon the Union Government to send a team of environmentalists and experts to study the problem and take stringent action against the concerned distillery unit.

With these words I am concluding my speech. Thank you.