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Title: Need to send a Central Team to Andhra Pradesh to assess the drought situation in the State and to release funds to tackle the drought situation.

**DR. MANDA JAGANNATH (NAGARKURNOOL)** : In Andhra Pradesh, the monsoon had failed miserably and there are no rains. Due to failure of the monsoon, the rivers' Krishna, Godavari and Tungabhadra had become dry and there is no water in the Reservoir of Jurala in Mehboobnagar district, Sreesailam in Mehboobnagar, Kurnool district and so on Nagarjunasagar due to which the farming activity had come to standstill. Due to the dry spell, in rain-dependent areas also there is no agricultural activity and foodgrains production is going to be very poor. Already out of more than 1100 Mandals, nearly 400 Mandals are showing the signs of drought.

The ponds and tanks in entire Telangana region are without water and people are facing severe drinking water problem also. Fodder for cattle is becoming a problem and cattle is being sold out to slaughter houses. Due to lack of agricultural activity, lakhs of people from my district Mehboobnagar are migrating to other parts of country under the above explained circumstances.

I request the Government of India to send a Central team to visit Andhra Pradesh immediately to assess the situation and to take necessary measures to release Central funds to combat the drought.