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Title: Need to undertake desiltation work of Tungabhadra Dam in Karnataka.

SHRI SHIVARAMA GOUDA (KOPPAL): The river of Tungabhadra flows through the district of Koppal, Raichur and Bellery in Karnataka. It plays a vital role in ushering the prosperity of the people settled on the banks of this river. The Tungabhadra reservoir was constructed in 1953. This dam is a major source of water in both Malnad and dry belts of Karnataka. A total 1 lakh 50 thousand and 570 Hectors of land are being irrigated by this reservoir. Apart from this, the Tungabhadra river is being utilized to fulfill the need of Drinking water of surrounding towns and villages. This water is also being supplied to nearby town. The original storage capacity of reservoir is 133 TMC ft. In the recent years due to poor maintenance the dam is accumulated with silts as recent water storage capacity has come down to 104 TMC ft. According to an estimate, total loss of water is around 29 TMC per year. This has created a havoc as repeated floods during the monsoon and drought during summer are occurring every year, there will be an acute shortage of water both for Agricultural and drinking water purposes especially during summer.

Therefore, I would like to suggest the Union Government to undertake desiltation work in Tungabhadra dam immediately so that water storage capacity of the river would be increased. My next suggestion is that excess water of the Tungabhadra dam should be diverted through canals to flow into lakes and ponds locating nearby places.

Finally, I urge upon the Union Government to look into these suggestion and take necessary steps to implement the same.