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title: Regarding problem of non-mitigation of fluoride and arsenic in drinking water of Haldihati in Akashiganga GP of Nagaon district Assam.

SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL (BARPETA): Sir, I would like to draw, through your good offices, the attention of the Government and this august House to the problem of non-mitigation of fluoride and arsenic in drinking water of Haldihati in Akashiganga GP of Nagaon district, Assam.

Sir, a UNICEF reports says that more than one-third people, mostly children, in this area are affected either by skeletal fluorosis or by dental fluorosis. The Estimates Committee headed by Dr. Murlī Manohar Joshi has also in its First Report declared this area as the most affected area.

Sir, I have got two albums which I would like to show to you and the hon. Health Minister who is here. These will illustrate ably how badly the children are affected. Children who are 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8-year old, they look like old people of 80 years. Their hands and legs have become like rubber. What will happen to these people? The State Government does not help because that constituency belongs to AIUDF. They say that they will not extend any help. I had been trying as an MLA for eight years and now I have been trying as an MP for last one year. The State Government says that they will not give them even one rupee.

Sir, can I please put this in front of the House?

HON. CHAIRPERSON: No.

SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL: I would request hon. doctor *sahab* that it is heartrending. I am telling that you will cry, if you see this. I would request the House to please take note of this and do something very special for these highly and badly affected people of Haldihati in Akashiganga area of Assam.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): Sir, he has made a submission. We will bring it to the notice of the concerned hon. Minister that he has put this whole issue so passionately and it should definitely be looked into. We can definitely consider that.