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title: Regarding drinking water problem in Malkajgiri Parliamentary Constituency in Telangana.

SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY (MALKAJGIRI): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to bring to your kind attention the severe water crisis that has been affecting Hyderabad and my constituents in Malkajgiri, Telangana.

A gap of 47 per cent between demand for water and supply has been reported in Hyderabad. The city requires 660 million gallons a day but only half the amount is available for supply on a daily basis. All four reservoirs that cater to almost 50 per cent of the city's water requirements – Himayat Sagar, Osman Sagar, Singur and Manjira reservoirs – are drying up for the first time in 30 years. The water level in the only two existing reservoirs is also falling steadily. Bore wells and underground water supplies are also reported to have dried up. People living in fringe areas and the urban poor are the most affected as they do not have access to piped water. They are being supplied water through tankers but it is difficult to do so with dwindling access to water. Rise in water prices is also affecting the people. Distress sale of cattle by farmers and migration of people from parched villages to cities like Hyderabad, which is also running dry, are other grave concerns for the State Government.

The city is now banking on water supply from Krishna and Godavari rivers, which are 200 kms. away. As an emergency measure, arrangements have been made to pump water from those two reservoirs. The situation however may be tough if there are no inflows into the reservoirs by that time. Consecutive years of drought, a rapidly declining ground water table and the scorching heat wave that Hyderabad is suffering from, with maximum temperatures hitting 43 degrees Celsius, have made matters worse. It is unlikely that even good monsoons will be able to bring respite to my people.

In the light of such grave concerns, I urge the Central Government to extend all manner of support to my constituency and to the State of Telangana.

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