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Title :Need to resolve water dispute over sharing of water of the Mahadayi river between the states of Karnataka and Goa.

SHRI PRAKASH B. HUKKERI (CHIKKODI): Hon. Speaker, Madam, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Minister for Water Resources, through you, to the need of an urgent intervention of the Union Government and the hon. Prime Minister to resolve a water dispute over the sharing of water of the Mahadayi river between the States of Karnataka and Goa.

Karnataka State had filed a petition before the Mahadayi Water Dispute Tribunal seeking 7.56 tmcft water for drinking water projects. It is very unfortunate that the Tribunal has rejected its request.

Karnataka *Bandh* was called by pro-Kannada and farmers' organizations to protest Interim Order. Due to *Bandh* all over Karnataka, the normal life was severely disturbed in the state on Saturday, the 31st July 2016.

There is severe drinking water shortage in Belagavi, Vijayapura, Dharwad and Gadag districts all over the year, particularly during summer months. Since drinking water is a basic necessity, it is the bounden duty of the Government to make it available to the people all over the country irrespective of any State, region etc.

It is the question of survival of the people of these four districts. ...(*Interruptions*) मैडम, मैं एक मिनट में खत्म कर रहा हूँ। इधर सीनियर मिनिस्टर बैठे हुए हैं।... (व्यवधान) This kind of injustice cannot be tolerated by us. People are demanding the resignations of MPs and MLAs of the State. Hon. Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri Siddaramaiah ji in his letter to the hon. Prime Minister said that the dispute could only be settled with the help of the Prime Minister. Therefore I would request the intervention of the hon. Prime Minister and also the Union Minister for Water Resources to resolve the water dispute without further delay.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri R. Dhruvanarayana is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Prakash B. Hukkeri.

Shri K. Parasuraman.

श्री प्रकाश ब. हुक्केरी: मैडम, मैं एक मिनट में ही अपनी बात खत्म कर रहा हूँ।... (व्यवधान)