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Title: Request to release sufficient funds to supply good drinking water throughout the country especially to the State Governments for supplying the water in the localities where the poor people are suffering from several incurable diseases due to scarcity of water.

DR. B.N. REDDY (MIRYALGUDA): I would like to bring to the notice of this august House the National Agenda of the Government in which the Prime Minister himself has said that the top priority will be given to supply potable water throughout the country, especially to the poor people who are suffering because of the scarcity of water. Not only in Andhra Pradesh but in most parts of the country there is the problem of excessive fluorine content in water due to which the people suffer from many incurable diseases. We have many a time requested the State Government as well as the Central Government in this regard but nothing has been done so far. I request the Prime Minister to do his best to give sufficient funds to the States because whatever the State Government is doing is not sufficient. We have first to see that good drinking water is made available throughout the country, especially to the poor people.

Drought conditions are prevailing in Andhra Pradesh. There is acute scarcity of water there. The flouride content in water is so high that people are falling prey to several incurable diseases. I request the Government of India to release sufficient funds to remedy this problem.

SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to speak on the same subject.

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MR. SPEAKER: He is referring to the matter connected with Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA : I will speak on the same matter, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow you later. Shri Sunil Khan will speak now.