

Title: Requests the Central Government to intervene to build a dam to supply the water to Tumkur District through Kumardhara River in Karnataka.

SHRIS. MALLIKARJUNIAH (TUMKUR): Sir, in my constituency, there are more than 2000 villages spread over eight talukas. All these talukas are hit by drought. There has not been sufficient rain in this area for the past ten years, with the result, the water table has come down. One cannot get water even if the bore is dug at the depth of 450 to 500 feet. Therefore, I urge upon the Government of India to intervene in this matter.

There are small rivers flowing in Sakleshpur taluka and Somarpet taluka. If water is found and dam is built, it can supply water to Tumkur district through Kumardhara River. If there is a dam on this river, then more than 2000 tanks would be supplied with water. The resultant effect of this will be that the water table will go up and all these 2000 villages will have sufficient drinking water. The Government of Karnataka is very weak in taking up this project. They are not showing any interest in it. Drinking water happens to be the basic need of people. Therefore, I would request the Central Government to intervene in this matter and provide sufficient funds to the Government of Karnataka. If the Government of Karnataka does not come forward, the Central Government itself should take up this work and provide drinking water to the people of my parliamentary constituency, Tumkur.