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Title: Need to check indiscriminate use of ground water and also take steps to inter-connect rivers in the country.

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL (BARDHMAN PURBA): As we all know that water is life and it is essential for every being but despite this, water is being wasted unnecessarily. Saving ground water comes first and most important duty of all of us. Ground water is being used in excessive manner in gardening, cleaning vehicles and Agriculture is still the biggest user of groundwater in India, and uses 92% of it, while the domestic and industrial sector account for the remaining 8%. Large industries meet their water requirements largely through groundwater, this affects surrounding drinking and irrigation wells. If the misuse of ground water is not checked its level will go down. The percentage of sweet water and salt water is 2.97% and 97.3% respectively and around 2% of sweet water becomes salt water.

As the member of the consultative committee of Water Resource and Ganga Rejuvenation I feel very sorry that the Government held very less discussion on water or do not pay concrete attention towards water. I want the central government to include the subject of saving sweet water in its agenda and call every state government for discussion and to make plan to store sweet water which is being misused unnecessarily.

Another problem is inter-connecting rivers in India. Some states are facing flood problem while other states are facing drought situation. Every state will be benefitted if rivers are inter-connected and by making dams on Ganga, Godavari, Yamuna, Brahamaputra, Narmada, Kaveri, Tapti, Indus, Mahanadi, Krishna, Kosi, Damodar, Ajay, Tista, Mayurakshi & other prominent rivers, the problem of irrigation and drinking water will be solved.

I request the Government to take necessary action in this regard.

