

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Need to resolve drinking water problem in Karnataka.

SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA (TUMKUR): Madam, I am raising a very important issue pertaining to the State of Karnataka. Providing drinking water should be the paramount consideration for both the Government of India as well as the respective States. ... (*Interruptions*)

Karnataka is facing a very severe water problem. In fact, people are agitating for several days seeking implementation of water projects. The northern part of Karnataka is facing acute shortage of drinking water. ... (*Interruptions*) They are insisting on the implementation of the Mahadayi project; likewise, the southern part people are also seeking the implementation of the Mekadatu Scheme. But the problem is that there are some Inter-State disputes with regard to these projects.

The only way to solve this issue is the immediate intervention of the hon. Prime Minister as without his intervention this issue cannot be resolved and the people of Karnataka cannot be provided with water. Under similar circumstances, late Indira ji had intervened and solved the interstate problem to enable the people to get water. Likewise, I would request the hon. Prime Minister of this country to immediately intervene and see that water disputes, particularly with regard to Mahadayi and Mekedatu, are resolved so that the people of Karnataka get sufficient water for drinking purposes.

HON. SPEAKER:

Dr. Kulamani Samal is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri S.P. Muddahanume Gowda.

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR): Madam, On Mahadayi issue the hon. Chief Minister of Goa has already written a letter to the former Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri B.S. Yeddyurappa to provide 7.56 TMC feet of water for drinking purposes.... (*Interruptions*) He is ready to have an outside tribunal negotiation.... (*Interruptions*) Now, it is the responsibility of the Chief Minister of Karnataka to have talks with the Goa Chief Minister because Goa Chief Minister has already come one step forward. We should better utilize this opportunity for the interest of the farmers and for drinking water purposes because we have the drought-prone area in North Karnataka. ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MALIKARJUN KHARGE (GULBARGA): This is just politics.... (*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : दोनों मुख्यमंत्रियों को चाहिए कि वे आपस में बात करें।

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