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Title: Request to improve livelihood of tribal community and provision of drinking water in Araku Parliamentary Constituency.

KUMARI GODDETI MADHAVI (ARAKU): Hon. Speaker, Sir, at the outset, I would like to thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak for the first time in this august House.

I would also like to thank our hon. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy *garu* for encouraging and giving a 26-year old woman representing the tribal community a chance to contest elections.

I wholeheartedly thank the people of my constituency Araku also for showing immense faith in a young person like me.

As I said earlier, I represent the Araku constituency which is a reserved constituency. We have huge reserves of mineral wealth which have been exploited for so many years. As a result, the lives of the poor tribal people have not improved considerably and the forests, being the main source of their livelihood, are being lost at a rapid rate.

There was a proposal to start a bauxite mine which again would displace a large number of people. I specially thank our CM, Shri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy *garu* for putting that project on hold. I request the hon. Environment Minister to evaluate the loss of livelihood of tribal community before granting clearance to the mining project.

In my constituency, there is dire lack of drinking water facilities and this seriously affects the health of the people living in my constituency. I

humbly request through you, Sir, the hon. Minister for Drinking Water to include my constituency under the available scheme of Comprehensive Drinking Water Project to improve the drinking water facilities in my constituency at the earliest in this financial year itself.

Thank you.