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Title: Need to impress upon the Govt. of Karnataka to release 25 TMC of water from Almatti Dam for the benefit of the people of Guntur, Krishna, Prakasham and Nalgonda districts of Andhra Pradesh – Laid.

SHRI Y.V. RAO (GUNTUR): Andhra Pradesh is facing extreme drought situation. The Guntur, Krishna, Prakasam and Nalgonda districts of Andhra Pradesh are in unprecedented drought condition, both for irrigation and drinking water purposes. People and animals are suffering in these districts for drinking water. If the situation continues, the lives of the people in this region will be ruined. For drinking purpose alone, at least 25 TMC's of water is required and if this is not released from Almatti Dam, water will not be available for even drinking purpose.

The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has written to the Chief Minister of Karnataka for the release of water from Almatti Dam. However, there are no positive signals from Karnataka so far in this regard. Almatti Dam has water to its full with 110 TMC's. In view of the difficulties faced by the people of Andhra Pradesh, if at least 25 TMC's of water is released, it would meet the drinking water requirement of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources to kindly intervene in the matter and impress upon the Govt. of Karnataka to release at least 25 TMC's of water from Almatti Dam.