

Title: Need to construct dams in Karnataka.

SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE (UDUPI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Government of Karnataka had surveyed the potential of irrigation facilities by harnessing west flowing rivers in the districts of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and North Kannada districts by constructing a series of vented dams.

The costal Karnataka has perennial shortage of potable water as the ground water sources near the sea provide only saline and brackish water which is not even fit for irrigation. Large volume of water from these rivers is drained out into the Arabian sea.

It has been found feasible to harness such waters through a series of vented dams without any ecological effect. This will provide a source of drinking, irrigation, etc. apart from checking river bank erosion during monsoons.

I would urge the Centre to get the proposal revived by the Central Water Commission where it has been lying for a long time.