

Title :Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Karnataka for undertaking small and medium irrigation projects in the State.

SHRIG. KARUNAKARA REDDY (BELLARY): The Tungabhadra Dam in Karnataka was built in 1945 with storage capacity of 133 TMC. Farmers are greatly benefited by this Dam. Of late, the storage capacity has been reduced because of silt in this Dam and its present capacity is 111.50 TMC. The storage capacity has been reduced by 21.5 TMC. Because of this lesser quantity of water being stored, less quantum of water is being distributed to all the farmers which creates loss of crores of rupees to farmers. The farmers are frequently agitating, which is regularly disturbing the law and order situation in the region.

To solve this problem, the Irrigation Department, Karnataka Government have identified 12 places for storing of 13 TMC water with a total cost of Rs. 653 crore. But these mini-projects have not been taken up by Karnataka Government.

I urge the Union Government to intervene in the matter and this amount should be provided through any kind of loan or aid like loan from World Bank, ADB, etc.