

Title: Need to chalk out a plan to undertake de-fluorification of drinking water in Nalgonda and other districts of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI SURAVARAM SUDHAKAR REDDY (NALGONDA): Sir, there are several rural and urban areas in our country where the drinking water is mixed with higher content of fluoride. This makes the poor people more vulnerable as they cannot eat nutritious food.

Nalgonda district and several other districts in Andhra Pradesh are suffering with this problem. About 800 villages and towns in Nalgonda district are suffering with higher fluoride content. As a result, the children are born defective. Many people are becoming ineffective in early twenties and cannot even earn their livelihood. Some people look old in their youthful age. Life span of the people of fluoride affected areas is much smaller than the average life span in the country. It is a pathetic situation that consecutive Governments failed to supply clean and healthy drinking water to this backward district which is also my Parliamentary Constituency.

Sir, the Union Government should chalk out a special plan with specially allocated funds to help the people of Nalgonda and other fluoride-affected districts of Andhra Pradesh at the earliest.

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