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Greetings from the North-East region, Assam(India)!

Sir,

I was registered for virtual participation in the Stakeholders Consultation on UN 2023, Water Conference(24 Oct,2022)

I participated but due to time constraints I couldn't get the opportunity to speak out.

--I would like to inform you that the North East Region of India consisting of 8 no. of States get nearly 2500-3000mm of rainfall in a year while there are some areas in India where it is as scanty as 200mm. This uneven natural distribution of rainfall causes varied problems.

--In North East, here are abundant rainfall and it is endowed with big rivers and many tributaries, but it is an irony that a large number of people are deprived of pure drinking water and the water contains heavy iron, fluoride which causes innumerable gastro-intestinal disorders. Water borne parasitic elements leading to acute dysentery, Cholera etc. So these hazards make people ill with poor health, stunted growth and cost them economically, physically and mentally.

--Again, we need some game changing technology to preserve, protect and transport excess rain water/river water to deficit areas burdened with water crisis. Some indigenous people in hilly areas apply traditional knowledges, skills and methods even to preserve and detect the sources of ground water which needs holistic approach with scientific intervention for transparent and non-discriminatory distribution of water.

-- Lastly, the common people need capacity building with modern tools so as to protect and refill the dwindling water beds which need nurturing at any cost. Water needs to be made as organic and personal as the human body through education.

Thank you

With Regards
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