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But the major step forward that has happened in the last couple of years has been the realisation that we just take too much water out of the rivers. We take 80 percent, more than 80 percent of the water that gets into the rivers gets extracted. And of that 80 percent, 95 percent goes to irrigation and 5 percent goes to urban use.