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THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER, 2025, AT 02.30 P.M
ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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***7* STATEMENT**

Mr. Speaker,

Pursuant to **Standing Order 41 (2) (c)** I rise to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the status of water distribution and management within Marsabit Central Ward.

The persistent water crisis in Marsabit Central Ward and its environs remains unresolved, notwithstanding the existence of a **substantial reservoir—Bakuli Dam**—strategically located within the heart of Marsabit Forest. Following its recent expansion, the capacity of Bakuli Dam was enhanced to a level capable of sustaining the town and its surrounding communities for a period of up to **six months without recharge**.

It is worth noting that Marsabit Central serves as the **economic hub** and **administrative nucleus** of the County, hosting key Government establishments including the County Headquarters, the County Assembly, the Office of the County Commissioner, and several other offices of both State and non-State actors.

Despite this significance, water connections to households have not been undertaken in a structured or equitable manner. Water rationing remains irregular and inconsistent, while the most vulnerable and deserving residents continue to suffer from lack of access to the piped water supply contrary to **Article 43** of the **Constitution of Kenya 2010**.

I therefore request that the Committee Chairperson provides this house with information on:

1. The total number of households in Marsabit Central Ward that have been earmarked for connection to the water supply line.
2. The number of households that have so far been connected to the existing water distribution system.
3. The measures and timelines established to ensure the remaining households are connected to the supply network.
4. The current weekly water supply schedule and whether such information has been made publicly available to promote transparency in water distribution.
5. The present reserve capacity of Bakuli Dam and the estimated duration it can sustain the water needs of the town.
6. The projected daily water demand for Marsabit Central Ward based on current population and usage trends.
7. The rate being levied per cubic metre of water supplied to consumers.
8. The approved the tariff currently being charged by the Marsabit Water and Sewerage Company (MARWASCO) for the piped water and factors considered in arriving to specified rate.
9. The functionality, capacity, and operational schedule of the water tracking system within Marsabit Central, and the measures put in place to guarantee transparency in pricing, availability, and equal access to water for all residents regardless of location or social status.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Marsabit Central continue to bear the brunt of an avoidable water crisis, and it is imperative that this Honourable House exercises its oversight role to ensure equitable, transparent, and efficient water distribution to all residents. I thank you and I trust that this matter will receive the attention it so urgently requires.

(HON. JACOB ELISHA - MCA, MARSABIT CENTRAL)



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FOR: CLERK/SECRETARY (COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MARSABIT)