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Title: Regarding setting up of a desalination plant in North Chennai -laid.

DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY (CHENNAI NORTH): Being a city that depends extensively on ground water replenished by an average annual rainfall of 1,276 mm, Chennai experiences a chronic water problem. The reservoirs catering to the city's need have dried up. It is totally dependent on desalination plants. The desalination plant set up in Minjur, North Chennai is the main source of potable water for the residents of North Chennai. During summer season, the demand of potable water in North Chennai invariably increases. Therefore, this plant does not meet the demand of potable water of the people of my constituency in summer. Potable water becomes a priced possession in North Chennai in this season.

As it involves huge costs, I request the Government to set up a new desalination plant in North Chennai through any Central Government Scheme to help the poor people of my Parliamentary Constituency to have better access to clean and safe drinking water.

