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Title: Regarding delay in completion of the Adyar Eco Park project in Adyar estuary area of Chennai.

DR. T. SUMATHY (A) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Thank you very much, hon. Speaker, Sir, for having allowed me to raise an important issue related to my South Chennai Constituency.

Tholkappia Poonga or Adyar Eco Park in the Adyar estuary area of Chennai is the brainchild of my mercurial leader, Dr. Kalaignar. He has named that park after the legendary iconic forerunner, Tholkappiar. Dr. Kalaignar's dream has been spearheaded by our Party Leader, Thalapathy M.K. Stalin. The project was envisioned to be completed in three phases with the object of restoring the flora and fauna of that particular Adyar creek, estuary area, as well as preserving the fragile eco system and also safeguarding the endangered migratory birds. These are the objectives.

But the present Tamil Nadu State Government has been very lethargic. The Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited and Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust have been entrusted with the task of developing this park. The Phase-I of the park has 1,36,500 plants for the Adyar Poonga. The environmental clearance for it was obtained from the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests in mid-January, 2011. The second phase has also been delayed by the State Government, even though the funds have been allotted. To manage the Chennai River Restoration Trust and its activities, the Government

formed a special purpose vehicle in the name of Adyar Poonga.

(Interruptions)

माननीय अध्यक्ष: माननीय सदस्यगण, 1 मिनट 15 सेकेंड में माइक बंद हो जाएगा । अब साढ़े तीन बजने वाले है । अभी जिन माननीय सदस्यों को शून्य काल में मौका नहीं मिला है, उन सभी माननीय सदस्यों को छह बजे के बाद मौका दिया जाएगा ।