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Title: Regarding water problem in Thiruvannamalai Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu- Laid

SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI (TIRUVANNAMALAI): The people of Tiruvannmalai constituency of Tamil Nadu have been facing severe water shortage. Wells, Bore Wells and other water-bodies in that area are almost dried-up. The water level of Sathanur Dam on river Pennaiyar, which is the main source of drinking water for Tiruvannmalai, Kilpennathur, Chengam and Kalasapakkam areas, has gone down considerably. Desilting of the Sathanur Dam is required to increase its capacity. Furthermore, the Pennaiyar Combine Water Scheme and Mettur Combine Water Scheme could meet demands of only twenty percent of water need of that area. Tiruvannmalai constituency is essentially a rain deficit area. Since people of the area are having hardship due to current water shortage, attention of the Government is drawn to the water crisis in Tiruvunnamalai. The government has to make priority arrangement to provide water for drinking and irrigation purposes. As the Government is committed to ensure water security to every individual in the country, I urge Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti to provide piped water supply to every household in Tiruvannamalai under *Nal se Jal* scheme on priority basis. For that purpose availability of water at source may be secured by desilting of Sathanur Dam and also by linking Krishnagiri Dam Canal with Chettary Dam Canal by digging a stretch of one kilometre area which will benefit Tripattur and Jolarpettai areas to a great extent.

