

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding water problem in Perambalur Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

DR. T. R. PAARIVENDHAR (PERAMBALUR): The lake Panjapatti in my Perambalur Constituency, Tamil Nadu is water-starved. This water body covers about 1,000 acres and has the capacity to cater to the water needs of 30 villages in the vicinity. The water from this lake is used extensively for irrigating agricultural lands and other potable needs. However, this lake has been neglected and it is dry now. During the rainy season, the Cauvery River overflows. The excess water is not stored and most of the time it is drained into the sea. I suggest that this excess water can be stored by channelizing it into such lakes and water bodies instead of draining them into the sea wastefully. If this water is diverted to lakes, apart from filling so many other small lakes on the way, it will not only just increase the groundwater level but also serve agriculture and drinking water purposes. This is also a way of potentially solving drinking water crisis problems permanently. So, I urge upon the Ministry of Jal Shakti, through this august House, to solve this dire water problem in my constituency by some feasible mechanism.