

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding export of Gloriosa Superba Seeds.

**\*SHRI P. VELUSAMY (DINDIGUL)** :Hon'ble Speaker Sir,  
Vanakkam.

I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. In Tamil Nadu, Amaravathi river originates in the Western Ghats. Its surplus water flows into Cauvery. And the water from various rivers such as Paalaru, Porunthalaaru, Varadhama Nadhi, Shanmuga nadhi, Nalla thangal, Nangaanchiyaaru, Parapalaaru, and Kudaganaaru flow into Amaravathi river. The surplus water from all these rivers flows into Cauvery via Amaravathi river. All the above mentioned rivers have to be interlinked to save the surplus water. In order to survey the above said project, the Government of Tamil Nadu issued a notification in 2018. The Government of Tamil Nadu had prepared a Detailed Project Report at an estimated cost of Rs.700 crore. I request the Union Minister of Jal Shakthi that fund has to be allocated to this project. I would like to inform you that this project will benefit the Palani , Ottanchathiram, Athur, Vedachandhoor Taluks in Dindigul District and Aravakurichi Taluk in Karur District in the irrigation of around one lakh hectares of land.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, People belonging to my Parliamentary Constituency, Dindigul are reeling under severe drinking water crisis. Therefore, I request the Government to take steps on a warfooting to solve the water crisis of our people. I also request Hon'ble Minister of

Jal Shakthi to desilt the lakes and ponds in my constituency to increase ground water level.

In Ottanchathiram, Palani Assembly constituency , farmers cultivate Gloriosa Superba seeds in a large area. These seeds have medicinal value. They are exported abroad. As they do not get proper price in the local market, I request the Union Minister of Agriculture to procure these Gloriosa Superba seeds and export them.

The Union Government had to release Rs. 6000 crore to Tamil Nadu through Integrated Goods and Services Tax. Moreover, the refund to be given to exporters get delayed. I request the Union Minister of Finance to take necessary steps to enable the businessmen to get these refund without further delay. Thank you.

**माननीय अध्यक्ष:** श्रीमती गोमती साय – not present.