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Title: Need to use the surplus Cauvery river water, discharged from the Mettur dam by using lift irrigation.

SHRI S. R. PARTHIBAN (SALEM): Sir, I want to raise the issue concerning Mettur dam located in my Salem Parliamentary constituency. Mettur Dam, the largest dam in Tamil Nadu, is located in Salem district. It has a capacity of 93.4 TMC. Mettur dam provides drinking water and irrigation facilities for people of Tamil Nadu. River Cauvery is called as the *Jeeva Nadhi* of Tamil Nadu. In monsoon and flood season, surplus water is discharged from the dam through river Cauvery and let into sea in vain. The Tamil Nadu Government led by AIADMK has failed to protect the surplus water of Cauvery. Tamil Nadu farmers and public have been protesting by indulging in *Dharnas* against this but everything resulted in vain.

It is high time to use the surplus Cauvery water which is discharged from the Mettur dam by using lift irrigation. If this surplus water reaches the water bodies in the Salem district properly, it would result in cultivation of more than 15 lakhs acres and more than 80 lakhs people from Salem, Namakkal and Viluppuram districts will get benefits. The livelihood and standard of the people will also get stabilized.