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Title: Regarding supply of water from Neyyar river to Tamil Nadu -laid.

SHRI H. VASANTHAKUMAR (KANNIYAKUMARI): Neyyar River Left Bank Canal will help to irrigate an area of 9200 acres in Vilavancode Taluk in Kanyakumari. In 2012 Tamil Nadu government filed a petition against Kerala Government seeking uninterrupted water supply from Neyyar River, and the matter is now pending in Supreme Court. The Tamil Nadu government has contended that the Neyyar is an inter State River because a portion of the river's catchment area lies in the territory of Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu government has not received water since 2004, which has caused serious hardship to the farming community. Previously, in 1999, the Kerala government took a stand that Neyyar was not an inter State River. However, in its own draft agreement Kerala informed Tamil Nadu that the water shall be supplied subject to realization of water charges and payment of distribution charges and making the agreement valid for five years to be renewed by mutual consent.