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Title: Regarding drinking water crisis in Tamil Nadu

***DR. THOL THIRUMAAVALAVAN (CHIDAMBARAM):** Hon. Chairman Sir, Hon. Members, Vanakkam. At the outset I wholeheartedly thank the people of my Chidambaram Parliamentary constituency for electing me as a Member of Parliament for the second time. I get solace in raising a burning issue in this august House. Tamil Nadu is facing acute drinking water crisis. The people of Tamil Nadu have been affected very much due to acute drinking water scarcity. Because of this issue, schools have been closed in Chennai Metropolitan city. Hostels, IT companies are facing the threat of closure. I want to stress here in this House that the situation regarding drinking water crisis has worsened and it has not only affected the State of Tamil Nadu but the entire nation as well. We witness that women, especially young girls who have to walk to distant places to fetch drinking water. This is the prevailing situation throughout the country. While campaigning during elections or touring in the constituency, majority of the applications received by us from the people are related to provision of safe drinking water. Therefore I urge that this issue should not be seen as an issue pertaining to a particular State . The Union Government too should have a responsibility in addressing this issue.

The Union Government should provide a special package for Tamil Nadu to tackle this issue. The State Government has not taken any precautionary measure. The Union Government should direct the State Government to swiftly act in addressing this drinking water problem.

Union Government should also provide a special package to Tamil Nadu in this regard. Thank you.