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Title: Regarding allocation of fund for construction of a dam across Koraiyar river, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu.

***SHRI S. GNANATHIRAVIAM (TIRUNELVELI):** Koraiyar river is a small tributary of Thamirabarani river. North Koraiyar and South Koraiyar are tributaries of Koraiyar river. North Koraiyar originates at a height of 951 metres and merges with South Koraiyar tributary in the plains. During rainy season, excess water generated through floods drains into sea.

I urge that construction of dams across Koraiyar river is the only available solution and through a dedicated canal, water can be distributed to the surrounding areas where there is water scarcity. When this project will be implemented in full swing, as much as 9091.50 acres of agricultural land will be irrigated through water canals and ponds. A survey relating to water level and testing of soil nature has been completed with finalization of concept and design of this project. Tamil Nadu government is also ready to give land to the Forest Department in lieu of the forest land to be acquired for this purpose. I urge upon the Union Government to allocate a fund of Rs.800 crore for this special project for construction of a dam across Koraiyar river in Vikramasingapuram village of Tirunelveli district in Tamil Nadu.