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Title: Need to allot sufficient funds for Kancheepuram Parliament Constituency for deepening all the rivers and lakes for better water conservation.

SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM (KANCHEEPURAM): Madam Speaker, I wish to raise an important issue with regard to my Kancheepuram Parliamentary Constituency.

The only district in India with highest number of lakes is Kancheepuram. Palar river is the lifeline, as it supplies drinking water to almost all parts of Kancheepuram and for irrigation and it also supplies drinking water to some parts of Chennai.

Water is the main source for cultivation. It can be done by lift irrigation of water from bore-wells. This is possible only by harvesting rainwater.

Madam, I wish to say in this House that our hon. Leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma was a founder in the entire country in harvesting rain water for agriculture. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma is the first Chief Minister in the country who passed a law that every building constructed in Tamil Nadu should have rain water harvesting and recharging provision.

As Kancheepuram has large number of lakes, it is very essential that steps are taken to store rain water, by which sub-soil recharging is possible and will benefit the nearby areas.

Hence, I request the Central Government and the hon. Water Resources Minister to allot sufficient funds for my Kancheepuram Parliament Constituency for deepening all the rivers and lakes for better water conservation in Kancheepuram district.

HON. SPEAKER: Dr. J. Jayavardhan is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati K. Maragatham.