

**Regarding renovation of dam on Shenbagavalli River situated in Tamil Nadu ?  
Kerala border-Laid**

**DR. RANI SRIKUMAR (TENKASI):**The Shenbagavalli dam is situated in the Tamil Nadu - Kerala border which was constructed on the Shenbagavalli River after an agreement between Sivagiri and Tiruvangur Samasthan in the year 1773. The river flowing from the dam ? Nitchebha river ? nourished over 12,000 acres from Sivagiri to Tiruvenkatam before entering Vaippar. Till 1962, the Tamil Nadu Public Works Department maintained the dam and the channel. When Shenbagavalli dam region experienced floods in 1965 to 1967, about nine meters of the 1,480-metre-long channel were damaged. Since the Shenbagavalli Dam is situated in Tamil Nadu - Kerala border, the Kerala Government is not showing interest to renovate the Shenbagavalli dam after repeated requests. The water from the damaged dam is not being used anywhere and it directly flows into the Arabian sea. Hence, the restoration of Shenbagavalli Dam will not affect the Kerala's rights and will definitely benefit the farmers in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu, particularly farmers in my Tenkasi Constituency. It will also help in fulfilling drinking water demands in many districts. I urge the Union Government to take necessary steps to restore the Shenbagavalli Dam at the earliest.