

Title: Regarding release of Cauvery water from Karnataka to Tamil Nadu to help the farmers and agricultural labourers in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): I had raised the very same issue the other day, but there was no response from the Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Radhakrishnan, please take your seat. Now the next speaker, Shri M. Chinnasamy....(Interruptions)

सभापति महोदय : हमने ऑलरैडी नाम बुला लिया है।

SHRI M. CHINNASAMY (KARUR): I would like to draw the kind attention of the hon. Prime Minister to an urgent and important matter pertaining to Tamil Nadu farmers. The Cauvery farmers have planted paddy crops in Thanjavur and Tiruchirapalli districts of Tamil Nadu anticipating adequate water from the Cauvery river. Unfortunately, the present water storage position in Mettur is low and therefore not satisfactory. Paddy crops standing in thousands of hectares of land are withering for want of water.

The hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has written a letter to the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister of Karnataka in this regard. She has also sent a team under the chairmanship of the hon. PWD Minister and other officials to meet the Karnataka Chief Minister in order to get the water released. She has mentioned in her letter to the Prime Minister to immediately convene a meeting of the Cauvery Water Monitoring Committee in which the Chief Secretaries of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are also members. This is a very serious matter adversely affecting food production and employment opportunity of agricultural labourers.

डॉ. संजय पासवान (नवादा) : सभापति महोदय, बिहार में सात दिनों से लगातार हत्याएं हो रही हैं। (व्यवधान)

सभापति महोदय : पासवान जी, आप बैठ जाइए। आपको बोलने का समय मिलने वाला है।... (व्यवधान)

SHRI M. CHINNASAMY : This is not a political matter. It is a serious matter concerning the farmers. I want a reply from the hon. Minister. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister is here. I want some response from him.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat.

डॉ. संजय पासवान : आर.जे.डी. के लोग यहां से भाग गए हैं। (व्यवधान)

श्री राजेश रंजन उर्फ पप्पू यादव : बिहार में सात दिनों से लगातार कल्लेआम हो रहा है। (व्यवधान)

सभापति महोदय : हम आपको कॉल करने जा रहे हैं। (व्यवधान)

सभापति महोदय : आप रूलिंग पार्टी में होते हुए भी व्यवस्था खराब कर रहे हैं। (व्यवधान)

श्री कीर्ति झा आज़ाद (दरभंगा) : सभापति महोदय, यह औरतों और बच्चों का मामला है। (व्यवधान)

SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM (THANJAVUR): Sir, Shri A.K.S. Vijayan wants to associate himself with the issue raised by hon. Member Shri Chinnasamy. He comes from the affected constituency.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He will be allowed to associate himself with it.