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Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Tamil Nadu for implementation of underground drainage and sewerage system in Rasipuram Municipality. – Laid.

DR. V. SAROJA (RASIPURAM) : Rasipuram is a first class Municipality in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu. It comes under my Parliamentary Constituency. It is situated at about 30 kms from Namakkal. The projected population of this Municipality in the year 2005 is 75,000. The average annual rainfall of this town is 584.52 mm. At present, there is no underground drainage system. There is an open drain of about 36 kms. Now, the Central Government is providing full financial assistance for implementing underground drainage and sewerage scheme at Municipalities/Historical Tourism Centres. Rasipuram Municipality is also selected for the implementation of the above scheme and the design norms are already adopted as per the guidelines mentioned in DPR under NRAP. The estimated cost of this project is Rs.15 crores which includes land acquisition, construction of flush tanks, manholes and ventilating shafts. The project also includes waste water treatment plant, reuse of the treated water for agricultural purpose.

I request the Government through this House to kindly consider the proposal favourably and to provide full financial assistance to Rasipuram Municipality through the Ministry concerned for implementation of the underground drainage and sewerage system in order to protect the people of this area from health hazard.

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