

**Title:** Need to effectively implement drinking water schemes in Tamil Nadu under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.

SHRI V. VETRISSELVAN (KRISHNAGIRI): Sir, even after 54 years of Independence, several States in India are still facing severe problem of drinking water. The reasons for the problem are very serious and the Union Governments, one after the other, have failed to solve the problem. The one-year Union Budget has allotted a sum of Rs.2010 crore under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. The State of Tamil Nadu as a whole had very poor rainfall in this year and is facing severe water problem especially in rural areas.

Sir, I want to know, through you, the programmes undertaken by the Union Government as per the allocation made in the Union Budget under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme for Tamil Nadu. I request the Government to inform about the fund so far spent on the programme in Tamil Nadu and the achievements made so far in providing drinking water.

I further request that drinking water schemes should be formulated and implemented on war-footing in Tamil Nadu.