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Title: Need to extend National waterway No. III from Kollam to Kovalam.

SHRI V.S. SIVAKUMAR (THIRUVANANTHAPURAM): Sir, I would like to raise an important matter regarding the extension of National Waterway No. III from Kollam to Kovalam.

The proposed extension of Kollam-Kottappuram National Waterway No. III towards south up to Kovalam for a length of 78 kilometres at an estimated cost of Rs.86 crore has been approved in principle.

The Planning Commission has earmarked only a meagre provision of Rs.24 crore in the Tenth Plan outlay for new waterways.

The hon. Prime Minister being the Chairman of the Planning Commission, I would request him through you that he may kindly intervene in this matter and take urgent action to increase this provision to at least Rs.100 crore.

I would also request the Government to declare the extension of National Waterway No.III from Kollam to Kovalam as soon as possible.