

**Title:** Need to solve acute drinking water problem in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI D. VENUGOPAL (TIRUPPATTUR): Even after 50 years of Independence, the problem of ensuing basic drinking water supply has not been solved in Tamil Nadu like some other places in the country. We hoped that the Ganga-Cauvery link scheme could solve both the irrigation and drinking water needs. The northern districts of Tamil Nadu especially North Arcot and Thiruvannamalai districts and places like Tiruppathur, Narampalli, Vaniyampadi that come under Tiruppathur Lok Sabha constituency faces severe water shortage. Drinking water scarcity is there and every family spends at least Rs. 20 everyday for water. Drought like hardship is on one side. Flood hit situations are on another side. At the same time, river waters flow into the sea as wastage. Drinking water technology mission of successive Union Governments has not met with success. Ground water potential has depleted. Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to evolve and implement on war footing a rejuvenated National Drinking Water Mission at the earliest.

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