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Title: Need to allocated funds for reconstruction of bridges washed away by recent floods in Palani Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): Sir, in my Palani Parliamentary Constituency, in Palani Taluk, in Chinnagandhipuram, a bridge across Paychaiyar was washed away by flood during 1993 and a low-level bridge was constructed with the assistance of NABARD Bank. The same was also washed away in 2005 due to heavy rain and flood.[\[R20\]](#)

Later, a temporary bridge was constructed in the year 2007 and it was also washed away recently. Now the people belonging to Chinnagandhipuram, Puliampatti, Shanmugapuram and other villages are not able to reach their lands. There is no connectivity to take seeds, fertilisers and also to bring back the produced goods to the market. They have to travel more than 10 km. distance both to reach and return from their lands. They are facing a lot of hardships.

In the same manner, a bridge across Kuthiraiyar river between Andipatti and Pappampatti has also been washed away. A proposal was sent to NABARD. The fund was also allocated, but the work has not yet been implemented till date. Andipatti Panchayat is situated on both sides of Kuthiraiyar river. The people are not able to reach hospital, market and school children are also facing a problem in reaching school at Pappampatti and they are forced to take a longer route of 15 kms. through Coimbatore District to reach their destination.

In addition, in Ayyalur Town Panchayat in Vedasanthur Taluk in my constituency, Varattaru river is crossing Kodangipatti, Arasanpatti and Konniyanpatti. In all these places, during rainy season farmers are facing a lot of difficulties to reach their lands. Likewise, school children are also not able to reach schools and are not able to attend classes in time.

Hence I request the Government to take up all these bridges under NABARD Scheme and to allocate funds for the construction of the abovementioned bridges on priority basis.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Basu Deb Acharia - Not present