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Title : Regarding Need to take suitable measures to solve scarcity of drinking water in Theni district, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID (PERIYAKULAM): Sir, in my Periyakulam Constituency, the residents are entitled to utilize 136 feet of water from Periyar Dam (Lower Camp). There is flow of water from Periyar Dam to Vaigai Dam 60 Kms through Periyar River. In between these two dams more than 50 nos. of (infiltration) well and surface water off take wells are also set up and through these wells water is supplied to Town Panchyat / Villages/ Municipalities in Theni Dist.

Originally the water flows during June to November every year for irrigation and domestic use. During non-flow season (December to May- summer) water scarcity continues. To meet this situation, the water is released from Periyar Dam once in fifteen days for drinking purposes. But the water does not reach the consumers due to seepage in the river. Water scarcity continues in Theni District. To avoid this, my humble suggestion is to implement a new proposal to lay pipe line with treatment unit from lower camp to Vaigai Dam on similar lines as water is supplied from Vaigai to Madurai through 30" width pipe line which covers 60 kms distance.

I request the Union Government to look into the matter and send a team of experts to solve this water problem permanently.