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Title: Inter-linking of rivers in the country.

SHRI M. SHIVANNA (CHAMARAJANAGAR) Mr. Speaker Sir, interlinking of rivers is very familiar and important idea in our country. Dr. Rao the then Union Minister had mooted this idea. But Mr. Devaraj is enunciating the project of his teacher Dr. Kalyan Raman. The main thrust of this project is to link northern rivers with the rivers of south India.

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1. The revolutionary project is entirely different and it intends to link rivers alongwith thousand of tanks. If there is water in these tanks then there will be no need to go for 1000 feet borewells. This move will also check the soil erosion to a greater extent.
2. Expenditure would be very less when compared to the Government's estimation. Money will come from different sources and the centre need not spend on this project.
3. It can be completed in less time.
4. A permanent solution for drought and floods.
5. Millions will get jobs.
6. Main concentration is in Ganga-Kaveri River Linking Project.
7. The percentage of irrigated land would increase enormously.
8. Time is running out. We are facing acute shortage of water (including drinking water). Hence this is urgency to implement this project immediately. There will be war for water in our country in the near future.

There are many other valid reasons to take up this project without any further delay.