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Title: Need to undertake construction of road linking Vathirayiruppu Pilavakkal dam foot hills with Varusanadu in Theni district, Tamil Nadu-laid.

SHRI P. LINGAM (TENKASI): In my Tenkasi Lok Sabha constituency, Varusanadu hill road scheme was contemplated to link Vathirayiruppu Pilavakkal dam foot hills with Varusanadu in Theni district via Kamarjapuram. An announcement in this regard came after due consideration of a long pending demand. This proposed road would have reduced about 50 kilometers of travel distance between Tuticorin and Ernakulum benefiting southern districts like Virudhunagar, Theni, Tuticorin, Tirunelveli and Ramanathapuram and also the farmers of the interior villages to move their agricultural produce while enabling agricultural workers to have transportation facilities to their work places. This link hill tract has to be laid just for about 1.5 Kms only. This will help the local people to save time, money and energy while saving fuel for the country as it will help them all to avoid a circuitous route. This used to be a traditional road link earlier. Unfortunately this area was declared as a wild life sanctuary in 1998 and that comes in the way of construction of this much needed road for which we have been waiting since long. Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to accede to the demand of the local people to have a small stretch of this hill road which will be of big help.