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Title: Need to provide funds for de-silting of Manur Tank in Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu and diversion of excess water of Thamirabarani river into the Manur Tank to improve irrigation facility in the district.

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): Tirunelveli is the second largest district in Tamil Nadu. Here, Manur is one of the largest Panchayat Unions which consists of 42 Panchayat Boards.

Manur Tank is the second biggest tank in the district. It serves to about one lakh farmers for their agricultural requirements and for drinking purpose. Due to insufficient water in the tank, farmers are frequently facing lot of difficulties in cultivation. During monsoon season, the excess water from the Thamirabarani river could not be stored and it flows into the sea.

There is a long demand from various sections of the people for desilting the Manur Tank, strengthening its banks and to take effective steps for diverting the excess water of Thamirabarani river into the Manur Tank.

I, therefore, urge upon Union Government to allocate necessary funds from any of the Centrally sponsored schemes to divert the excess water of Thamirabarani river through a short distance separate supply channel and direct it into the Manur Big Tank. It will improve the ground water level in those areas and will facilitate the farmers to cultivate more than 4,000 acres of land.