

Title: Need to restore Athoor Anicut Channel in Athoor village of Dindigul district, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): The Kodaganar river originates from hilly terrain at Athoor village of Athoor block in Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu. The river is one of the major tributaries of Cauvery river and confluences with Amaravathy river. During North East Monsoon, appreciable flow is realized in the river serving the ancient irrigation system comprising 7 anicuts filling tanks through supply channels. Kodaganar dam is a major reservoir constructed across Kodaganar river.

Athoor Anicut channel is a first supply channel which originates from first anicut and the supply channel is irrigating 311.12 ha of single crop and 11.50 ha of double crop directly and the supply channel is feeding three tanks namely Karunkulam, Pagadaikulam and Pilvettikulam which is having total ayacuts of 277.35 ha single crop and 34.90 ha of double crop and 260 ha single crop through wells situated around this system. Then the supply channel joins Kodaganar.

The average annual rainfall in this hilly region of Kodaganar is adequate.

It is proposed to line the supply channel and field channel by cement concrete in its entire length of 6980 m and to repair sluices of supply channel and it is also proposed to standardize the both sides banks of supply channel.

By executing the project at a cost of less than Rs. 10 crores the gap of 306.55 ha in single crop and 46.40 ha in double crop will be bridged and 419.14 ha of single crop will be converted as double crop. It will cause an additional food production of 4055.79.MT per year. This Project will be executed in one year from the date of sanction.

I urge upon the Ministry of Water Resources to take up this project for execution so that farmers of our constituency could be benefited.