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Title: Problems being faced by the agriculturists in Pollachi Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu due to insufficient facilities for storage at PAP system.

*SHRI K. SUGUMAR (POLLACHI): Madam Speaker, Pollachi Constituency is out and out an agricultural area. Parambikulam-Aaliyar Scheme provides irrigations facilities. About 4 ½ lakh hectares of land are irrigated by this scheme. This scheme was conceived to irrigate for about 135 days in a year. But due to frequent monsoon failure and lack of storage facilities when there is heavy rain and absence of check dams to conserve have all led to insufficient water flow from the PAP. So water available for irrigation is insufficient now as there is flow only for about 50 to 60 days in a block of two years. Anaimalai river and Nallaru schemes are much awaited for long. They are rather a dream scheme of the people of Pollachi area. So, the Government must come forward to meet the demands and fulfill the aspirations of the people and must go in for completing these projects with farsightedness. This will provide increased water for irrigation round the year. Non-completion of these schemes have resulted in the wasteful flow of about 12

TMC of water every year in the Arabian Sea. This scheme has the potential of benefiting 4 lakh acres of land under cultivation. This will also augment the hydro power generation potential throughout the year. Coimbatore District can also have drinking water all through the year. Hence I urge upon the Government to help complete these schemes to meet drinking water needs, power needs apart from irrigation water needs. So this multipurpose Anamalai River and Nallaru Schemes must be taken up urgently on a war footing.