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Title : Need to stop the construction of a dam across river Palar in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): A disturbing news about the decision the Government of Andhra Pradesh to go ahead with the construction of a Dam across Palar River at Ganesapuram in Kuppam has created unrest in Tamil Nadu. Construction of the Dam would affect the irrigation as well as drinking water needs of Vellore, Thiruvallur, Thiruvannamalai, Kancheepuram and Chennai. Chairman, Central Water Commission convened the meeting of the officials from both States and asked Andhra Pradesh not to construct a dam across Palar river till the issue is settled. I feel the situation is volatile. The Government of India should immediately intervene in the matter and instruct the Andhra Pradesh Government to stop the construction work forthwith.