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Title: Need to construct a culvert bridge between Esalam and Periyathachur villages in Villupuram district, Tamil Nadu, through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

SHRI M. ANANDAN (VILUPPURAM): The Centre has been apportioning funds to augment rural road connectivity throughout the country. But still the important needs of a rural pocket in my constituency remain unattended. In Villupuram district, the remote Esalam village with a population of 3000 people is situated in Vikravaandi Panchayat Union. Adjacent to it, lie small villages like Ennayiram Brahmadesam, Mandakapattu, Thirunandhipuram and Nemur. Between Esalam and Vikravaandi, the village Periyathachur is situated with villages like Kongarampoondi, Saalai and Vinayapuram around it. About 10000 people live in these hamlets and villages. Between Esalam and Periyathachur due to a steep wild stream path, the road gets submerged whenever it rains heavily resulting in flash floods. It has been disrupting the vehicular movement completely. People living in all these villages face great difficulty especially during the Monsoon season and they have to cover by foot the entire stretch which affects their livelihood. Hence, I urge upon the Union Government and the Rural Development Ministry to construct culvert bridge across that stream through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to facilitate uninterrupted road connectivity that would benefit the villagers living in this remote rural area.

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