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Title : Need to allocate funds under Water Resources Consolidation Programme to revamp Tirunelveli Channel of river Thamirabarani in Tamil Nadu. "

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): The river Thamirabarani, which originates more than 2,000 metres above sea level on the Eastern slopes of Western Ghats, flows through the Tirnelvel District of Tamil Nadu in Southern India. It is having a number of tributaries and channels. One of the important Channels is Tirunelveli Channel with a length of about 6 kms. ...*(Interruptions)* It passes through the heart of the Tirunelveli town, providing water supply for drinking and irrigation to 4,500 acres of agricultural land besides filling 23 Outer Ponds of Mannur Block.

However, for the last few years, the agriculturists in these areas are facing a lot of difficulties for getting water supply from the channel due to the obstruction in flow of water supply due to the presence of large quantities of Amala Plants and the damage to concrete linings....*(Interruptions)* Therefore, removing of Amala Plants, strengthening of concrete lining and banks of the channels are to be taken up on top priority so as to facilitate easy flow of water till the tail-end areas. ...*(Interruptions)*

I, therefore, request the hon. Minister to allocate necessary funds either under Water Resources Consolidation Programme (WRCP) or any other Centrally-sponsored programme to revamp Tirunelveli Channel of river Thamirabarani and do the needful....*(Interruptions)*

**14.06 hrs.**

*At this stage, Dr. Rajan Sushant and some other hon'ble*

*Members came and stood on the floor near the Table*

*... (Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The rest of the Matters under Rule 377, for which Members would send the slips, shall be treated as laid on the Table of the House.

*... (Interruptions)*