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Title: Regarding inter-linking of rivers.

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN (VILUPPURAM): Water is the most essential part of everyone's life. There cannot be two opinions about it. But we can see water shortage everywhere. The reasons are varied in nature. In one place we see drought, in some other place we see floods. This is a thing which occurs every year, year after year. No mechanism of water harvesting is in place.

Though interlinking of rivers is considered as a solution to all the ills, no solid efforts have been made by any Government in the past. Earlier, implementation of interlinking of Rivers was announced with much fanfare by the NDA Government but it has not moved ahead.

There are problems of water sharing between different States in the country. I would like to strongly urge the Central Government to nationalize rivers and make attempts for interlinking of all the rivers of the country so that we could see an amicable end to all the water disputes which have been existing for decades. In spite of intervention of courts, including the Supreme Court, no progress has been made in this regard.

I hope the Government would look into this issue and resolve the problem of water-sharing by interlinking of rivers without any further loss of time by allocating more funds.