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Title: Need to give additional fund to villages and allot Rs. 2 Crore to each village under Saansad Adarsh Gram yojana.

SHRI C. MAHENDRAN (POLLACHI): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, my sincere thanks to the former People's Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma for allowing me to represent Pollachi Constituency.

Thanks to the hon. Prime Minister for announcing SAGY, Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana based on the THAI Scheme introduced by Puratchi Thalaivi Amma in the year 2011-12 itself to overcome the bottlenecks in the uneven distribution of resources and to provide minimum basic infrastructure facilities to all the habitations. The THAI Scheme announced by Puratchi Thalaivi Amma is the role model scheme for SAGY. Tamil Nadu is the only State which is focusing on habitation as the unit of development. No other State in the country is implementing such an innovative scheme.

Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's THAI scheme is presently covering the expenditure to the extent of Rs.30 lakh to Rs.50 lakh for each village. Under SAGY the Central Government should extend additional contribution to the extent of Rs.2 crore to all the villages for speedy development of infrastructure of all the villages so as to benefit all sections of society as 60 per cent of the population lives in rural India.

The THAI scheme with the aim of extending basic facilities to the grassroots habitations in villages of Tamil Nadu has come as a boon. The scheme covers the minimum basic requirement of water supply, street lights, roads, burial grounds, pathway to burial grounds with additional requirements for Anganwadi centres, Public Distribution Shops, SHG building and play grounds and any other permitted work required by the villages.

I would request the hon. Prime Minister to kindly consider my request of giving additional fund to villages and allot Rs.2 crore to each village under this scheme.