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Title: Need to give approval to the scheme for modernization of the canal system in the Cauvery Basin.

SHRI G. HARI (ARAKKONAM): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, water flow in the *River Cauvery*, which used to be a perennial river, remains the lifeline of Tamil Nadu. It needs to be modernized along the course of its canal system, especially at the Cauvery Basin area. The Government of Tamil Nadu, guided by our dynamic leader and people's Chief Minister, hon. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, has evolved a scheme for modernization of the canal system in the Cauvery Basin at a cost of Rs. 11,421 crore. With the notification of the final order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, the Centre may give its approval. In order to obtain the Centre's approval and necessary Central share of funds, our beloved leader, hon. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, made a request to the Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014.

I urge upon the Union Government to accede to this request and accord its approval at the earliest in the interest of increasing food grains production in Tamil Nadu which will also save the farmers and the agricultural workers.