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Title: Need to accord approval to the proposal of government of Tamil Nadu for construction of dams at Nallar and Anamalaiair in the State.

SHRI C. MAHENDRAN (POLLACHI): Tamil Nadu Government has prepared a Blue Print to construct two dams at Nallar and Anamalaiair at a cost of Rs.1,540 crore. These dams with a capacity of 9.5 tmc will utilise fully the waters from both Upper Nirar and Lower Nirar Dams which release 7 tmc and 2.5 tmc respectively. The Upper Nirar Dam that gets water from southwest monsoon is currently diverted through Solayar Dam, Parambikulam and Thunakkadavu Dams and reaches Tirumoorthy Dam through Contour Canal covering a distance of 120 Kilometers. The inflow of water is heavy during the rainy seasons. This excess water can be taken to a distance of 14.4 Kilometers through a canal and tunnel to the dam to be constructed at Nallar which is 3214 ft. above sea level. Two power sub-stations with a capacity of 125 megawatt each can be set up there to generate 200 megawatt of electricity. The water can be further taken to Tirumoorthy Dam which is at a height of 1336 ft. above sea level. This will irrigate 5,000 acres of dry land while increasing drinking water supply. Additional 250 megawatt capacity power generation unit can also be set up there. The water transmission loss will be minimised.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to take steps to obtain clearance from Central Water Authority to construct the Nallar and Anamalaiair Dam Projects.