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Title: Regarding interlinking of rivers in Tamil Nadu.

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, our hon. *makkal mudalvar puratchi thalaivi* Amma had repeatedly requested the Government of India to take necessary steps to inter-link the River Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna, Pennar, Palar, Cauvery and Gundar and also to inter-link the River Pamba and Achankovil to Vaipar in Tamil Nadu, and for interlinking of the rivers within the State, namely, the Athikadavi-Avinashi Flood Canal Scheme at a cost of Rs. 1,862 crore, the Pennaiyar-Palar Link Scheme and the Pennaiyar-Nedungal-Anicut-Palar Link at a cost of Rs. 500 crore and the Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar linking of rivers at a cost of Rs. 5,166 crore and for the modernization of canal system in the Cauvery Basin at a cost of Rs. 11,421 crore. These works may be done at the earliest.

Thank you.