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Title: Need to allocate funds for rehabilitation of Thadapulli and Arakkankotai Channel.

*SHRIMATI V.SATHYABAMA (TIRUPPUR): Hon. Madam Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. Kodiveri dam was constructed across Bhavani river by Hindu rulers of Mysore during 17th century. This dam is in a place called 'Periya Kodiveri' in Gobichettipalayam Taluk, Erode district of Tamil Nadu. Tadappalli and Arakkankottai water channels are attached to this Kodiveri dam on both sides. There is an artificial waterfall for an height of 20 feet constructed with help of small and big stones across the river. Water is stored as well. On the left and right sides of the dam, there are two irrigation canals namely Tadapalli and Arakkankottai. Under the orders of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and revered leader of the world Dr. Puratchithalaivi Amma, work relating to laying of concrete lining was undertaken in both Tadappalli and Arakkankottai canals for a stretch of 4 km at a cost of Rs. 40.45 Crore on war footing basis and completed within one and half months. Farmers, living around Gobichettipalayam and adjoining areas, benefitted by this project are extremely happy. There is still some work pending as regards these two water canals. If this work is completed well in time, agricultural activities may be undertaken besides ensuring continuous flow of water. This project is helpful for irrigating 24,504 acres of agricultural land in Gobichettipalayam, Andhiyur and Bhavani Taluks of Erode district. I therefore urge upon the Union Government to allocate adequate funds for completion of remaining work relating to this project.

Thank you.