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Title: Need to facilitate release of financial assistance from World Bank for the second phase of modernization of irrigation facilities and restoration of water bodies in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJAA (PERAMBALUR): For reconstruction of 113 dams in Tamil Nadu under the dams reconstruction and developmental project, an amount of Rs. 745.49 crore is being utilized with the help of financial assistance from the World Bank. With the financial assistance amounting to Rs. 745.49 crore from the World Bank, reconstruction and maintenance of 113 dams in Tamil Nadu have been taken up under this project. An amount of Rs. 450.13 crore has been allocated in the budget for year 2015-16 for the above project.

Since the year 2007, with the assistance of aid from the World Bank, the modernisation of irrigation facilities and water bodies and their restoration and management is being carried out. This project was completed in the month of June 2015. So far, the Government of Tamil Nadu has spent Rs. 2544.15 crore for this project. On successful completion of this project, the Government of Tamil Nadu has requested the Central Government to approach the World Bank for providing financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 2950 crore for its second phase. Therefore, I humbly request the Central Government, on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, to intervene so that early release of financial assistance from the World Bank is received.