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Title: Regarding construction of a new dam on Animatiyaru and Nallaru in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI C. MAHENDRAN (POLLACHI): Hon. Speaker, I would like to thank you for having given me this opportunity to raise this important issue today.

Our hon. Makkal Mudhalvar Puratchithalaivi Amma has already insisted on the construction of two dams with a capacity of 9.5 tmc at Nallar and Anamalaiar by fully utilizing the water received from the Upper Nirar and Lower Nirar Dams at a cost of Rs.1540 crore.

The water received from South West Monsoon in the Upper Nirar Dam is now diverted through the Solayar Dam, Parambikulam Dam and the Thunakkadavu Dam and finally it reaches Tirumoorthy Dam through Contour Canal after passing through a long distance of 120 kms. Due to the long distance of passing through the water to Tirumoorthy Dam, the loss due to evaporation, seepage and percolation of water is high. Sometimes, during the rainy seasons, the water flow will be in excess.

To avert these losses and for managing the water effectively, another canal should be constructed under the tunnel at a length of 14.4 km. which is necessary. Hence, a dam is the need of the hour at Nallar which is situated above the level of Tirumoorthy Dam.

Also, by constructing a Dam at Nallar, it is easy to install two sub-stations with the capacity of 175 MW each to generate 350 MW of electricity and the tail race of water from the power houses will reach the Tirumoorthy Dam. Due to this, my constituency people will be benefited as desired by Makkal Mudhalvar Amma.

By this, additional 5000 acres of dry land will be converted into cultivable land which will immensely please the agriculturists. It will augment drinking water to the nearby public residing in the surrounding villages. Further, additional 350 MW electricity generating units can be created and the existing loss of water will be minimized and effectively managed.

Hence, by considering the above benefits, as suggested by hon. Makkal Mudhalvar Puratchithalaivi Amma, I request the Central Government to execute the Nallar and Anamalaiar Water Projects immediately by allocating a sum of Rs.1540 crore to my Pollachi constituency at the earliest.

I once again thank the hon. Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri K. Ashok Kumar. Are you speaking of foot over-bridge on railway line? What are you talking about?