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Title: Need to execute the Ganga-Cauvery Project to solve water crisis.

SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY (ANANTAPUR): Madam Speaker, this is regarding the Ganga-Cauvery linkage. In my State, one Godavari river is there. Every year we are losing about 3,000 TMC of water into the sea. In that case, we can imagine how many TMCs of water we are losing from Ganga and Brahmaputra.

Shri K.L. Rao, who was a Minister in Pandit Nehru's Cabinet, surveyed the basin and he gave a report. As per the report, the length of the Ganga-Cauvery linkage is about 2,600 kilometres. We are losing most of the water by allowing it into the sea. If we can manage this, 60 per cent of the land will come into agricultural cultivation.

My submission is that today money is not a problem. Many individuals and countries are willing to spend any amount of money. They can do it. Shri Chandrababu Naidu has already started this concept. He has tried to link Godavari, Krishna and Penna rivers. He wants to bring more land into cultivation. If we do not take up Ganga-Cauvery link project, we will suffer property loss as well as human and animal loss in thousands together.

The Supreme Court has already given a judgment in 2002 that Ganga and Cauvery should be linked by 2016. This Government or the previous Governments never bothered about this linkage. At least they should come forward. Modiji is also having that idea. My request is that the Government should come forward and complete it so that 60 per cent of land may come into the cultivation. With this, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.