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Title: Need to provide funds for renovation of Grand Anicut Canal Project in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): I wish to state that the groundwater is the only major source of water for agriculture in Tamil Nadu, however, at present, there is continuous depletion of ground water. To combat this situation, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister had taken various efforts including renovation of historical Grand Anicut Canal Project system. The first Phase of this project largely falls in my constituency, which comprises of Extension, Renovation and Moderation of main canal system which runs over 148.654 Kms, covering tributaries and water reservoirs etc., and this mainly irrigates Thanjavur, Thiruchirapalli and Pudukkottai Districts. It was also approved by the Technical Advisory Committee of Central Water Commission, Government of India on 06.10.2016. Therefore, I request the Central government to sanction necessary funds to the tune of Rs. 2298.75 crore for age old project immediately for the farmers of Tamil Nadu, so that the rain water during monsoon will be harvested besides recharging the ground water level in Cauvery Delta Area which irrigates more than 50% of agricultural area in Tamil Nadu.