

Seventeenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Need to allocate funds for the project of cleaning Kaveri river, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. R. PARTHIBAN (SALEM): The river Ganga which is the holy river of India travels 2,500 km and covers one-fourth of the Indian land. Similarly, the river Kaveri is the source of livelihood of the people of four States including Tamil Nadu. In sixteen districts of Tamil Nadu, people use the water of the river Kaveri for drinking and irrigation purposes.

The river Ganga and the river Kaveri have the power to purify themselves naturally, though they both are polluted because of various reasons. From time to time, the Government has made the efforts to stop the pollution. In 2014, the Central Government launched the *Namami Gange* Programme to clean the river Ganga. This project was implemented at an estimated cost of Rs. 20,000 crore. I request the Union Government to implement the project to clean the river Kaveri also, the holy river of South India, and to allocate the necessary funds for the project in the coming financial year.