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Title: Urged government to give environment clearance to the Pandiyaru-Moyaru Scheme besides immediate allocation of funds for its implementation

***SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI (ERODE):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. Bhavani river and Moyaru are the rivers which form the main source of water for Bhavani dam of Erode district. Koodalur, Devala, Panthalur are the areas of Nilgiri district get the highest rainfall in Tamil Nadu. A part of rain water which is accumulated from Nadukani, Irumbupalam, Aamaikkulam and Devala areas joins Pandiyaru and passes through Nilambur, Saliyaru of Kerala and then joins Punnampuzha river before draining into the Arabian sea. Similarly, the rain water accumulated in the areas like Thevar Solai, pitharkadu, pattavayal passes through Sultanpatheri of Wayanad district of Kerala and then joins Kabini river at a place called Pulpalli in the Kerala-Karnataka border. Then this water is diverted to the dam. Ellamalai, Santhanamalai, Oosimalai and silent valley are the rain-fed areas in Koodalur district. The rain water thus collected from these areas passes through Kerala and drains into the sea. This rain water should be stopped by way of check dams and channelizing them to Moyaru will make it reach Bhavanisagar dam. Moyaru can also be linked through backwater system, and a big dam can be constructed in the areas surrounding Pandiyaru. This is called as Pandiyaru-Moyaru project. Engineers from Tamil Nadu have organized studies and declared this Scheme as a feasible one. As much as 2.5 lakh acres of land are irrigated through Bhavanisagar dam. Keezhhavani canal irrigation, Thadappalli-

Arakkankottai irrigation, Kaalingarayan canal irrigation are the areas that come under irrigation through Bhavanisagar dam. Since there is no adequate rainfall, this area of 2.5 lakh acres of land is facing drought like situation without irrigation facilities. If the Pandiyaru-Moyaru scheme is implemented it will completely benefit the Athikkadavu-Avinashi Scheme announced by the State Government of Tamil Nadu. I therefore urge upon the Union Government to provide environment clearance to the Pandiyaru-Moyaru Scheme besides immediate allocation of funds for its implementation. Thank you.