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Title: Regarding allocation of funds for implementation of the Hogenakkal Integrated Drinking Water Scheme.

**\*DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S. (DHARMAPURI):** Hon. Speaker Sir, *Vanakkam*. My Dharmapuri parliamentary constituency is a backward area. There are no industries. People are dependant mainly on agriculture. There is scarcity of drinking water as well as water for agricultural irrigation. If the excess water flowing out of river Cauvery is used to recharge 400 and more water bodies like lakes and ponds in this area, ground water table will rise besides providing drinking water for cattle. This will ensure agriculture to flourish. This is the long pending demand of the people of my Dharmapuri constituency. The Union Government should allocate funds for such schemes in order to make Dharmapuri a fertile zone. High fluoride concentration in ground water causes teeth discoloration and stones in kidney. Ten years ago the then Hon Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Shri M.K. Stalin implemented the Hogenakkal Integrated Drinking Water Scheme. But during the previous AIADMK rule, this Scheme could not make the villages reap the benefits. Now I urge that Union Government should allocate funds for implementation of the Second Hogenakkal Integrated Drinking Water Scheme in an efficient manner. Thank you for this opportunity.

