

Title: Urged the Government of Karnataka to take immediate steps to check the pollution of river Pennaiyaru and save the people of Krishnagiri.

SHRI V. VETRISSELVAN (KRISHNAGIRI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you I want to draw the attention of this august House and the Government of India to a matter of grave importance affecting thousands of people in my constituency, Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu. Just three days ago, on 14.5.2000, when I was in my constituency, I visited the Krishnagiri dam on the river Pennai as well as Kelavarapalli dam in Hosur. The water in the dam was greenish and smelling foul. It was very disturbing. On enquiry, I have come to know the reasons for it. ...(*Interruptions*) The river Pennaiyaru originates from the South-Eastern side of the Chennakesava hills and the North-Western side of the Nandidurg hills in Karnataka. It flows for a distance of about 85 kilometres within Karnataka, to the north of Bangalore and then enters Tamil Nadu at a distance of 4 kilometres to the west of Pagalur.

MR. CHAIRMAN (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): Please conclude.

SHRI V. VETRISSELVAN (KRISHNAGIRI): The vital point to be noted here is that during its course, along side Bangalore, the water of Pennaiyaru gets polluted tremendously. All the drainage water, polluted and contaminated water and untreated effluent water of the city of Bangalore is let into the Ulsoor Lake and the Orattur Lake. The water from these lakes get into Kelavaripalli dam in Hosur as well as into Pennaiyaru river. When there is no rain, only dirty water falls into the river. This is how the water of the river is polluted terribly and that is why the water in Krishnagiri dam is greenish with bad odour emanating from it. ...(*Interruptions*) Sir, as all of us know, the pollution of dam water is a very big health hazard. It spoils the crops also. Thousands of people in the areas served by the dam are getting affected slowly but surely.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please conclude now.

SHRI V. VETRISSELVAN : Sir, I will conclude in half-a-minute.

I urge upon the Government of India, through you, to take immediate steps and to make the Government of Karnataka to take measures so that the river Pennaiyaru may be freed from pollution and the health of thousands of people in my constituency in Tamil Nadu and the crops in the dam area may be saved. I urge upon you. ...(*Interruptions*)

स्मापति महोदय : श्री निखिल कुमार चौधरी के स्वाय किसी का नहीं जाएगा।

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*Not Recorded.