

Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Tamil Nadu to solve the problem of scarcity of drinking water in Palani Parliamentary Constituency. – Laid.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI) : Sir, in my Palani Lok Sabha Constituency, there are four assembly segments out of which Vendasandhur and Oddanchatram are having acute drinking water shortage. People have to go to far off places to fetch water and that too in a very little quantity. Nearly six lakh people are living just in these two assembly segments. Here, the situation is the worst, people have to dig bore wells very deep and even with thousand feet bore well, water is not available. Even if water is available, the chlorine contents are huge and if consumed it spread so many diseases. The situation is getting into an alarming proportion and people have often fallen sick due to the poor quality of water. People do not have access to safe and potable drinking water.

Tamil Nadu is a potentially drought prone area with no rains in sight and the situation has taken a turn for the worst. Unless some urgent steps are taken, the situation will go beyond control and six lakh persons will be affected. In this regard, people have represented to the State Government number of times. But there is no response from that side. The leaders of local bodies also tried their best but that has not served the purpose. As these constituencies are very much near to Cauvery River. Water can be taken through pipeline and supplied to all villages.

Therefore, I request that adequate funds should be released for drinking water projects in my Palani Constituency and particularly in Vendasandhur and Oddanchatram so as to save the lives of nearly 15 lakh people.