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Title: Need to take necessary steps to ensure enough flow of water in river Palar in Tamil Nadu and constitute a Palar River Water Authority for the purpose.

SHRI ABDUL RAHMAN (VELLORE): Palar River has been the life line of North Tamil Nadu since long and Palar Basin is very fertile. Agriculture is considered to be its mainstay. Palar River with its total drainage area of 17,871 Sq. Km, originating from Nandhi Durga in Karnataka, flows for 93 Km in Karnataka, 33 Km in Andhra Pradesh and 222 Km in Tamil Nadu before joining the Bay of Bengal.

Due to failure of normal rain-fall in this region and various hurdles in the path of river drainage along with the precarious depletion of ground water, the entire region is on the verge of becoming desert. The reservoirs of Bethamangalam & Ramsagar in Karnataka and 32 check dams having one at every Kilometer of the river in Andhra Pradesh constructed without any concurrence of Tamil Nadu have prevented even a minimum flow of water in it.

The Government of Karnataka brings 10 TMC water to Kolar to meet the requirement of its two districts out of 2000 TMC water of Nethravathi River. The same proposal can now be utilized to bring 100 TMC water to Palar River as the distance from Kolar to Palar River is too short. In the same manner, Godavari-Krishna-Palar linkage in Andhra Pradesh can also be considered. This can only be accomplished by the Central Government.

In order to achieve this great objective, a powerful Palar Authority is to be created by the Government of India which is the only solution to bring water to Palar River.