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Title: Need to rebuild Moolathara regulator and make functional the Right Bank Canal in Kerala damaged due to sudden flush of water released from Aliyur dam.

SHRI P.K. BIJU (ALATHUR): I bring to the attention of the House a serious problem that struck Alathur Parliamentary constituency two weeks back. Following heavy rainfall in Tamil Nadu, water was released from Aliyar Dam situated at the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border into my constituency resulting in serious damage. Without proper intimation and understanding the consequence of such an act, 45,000 cusec of water was released per second. This affected the Moolathara regulator and the associated Left Bank Canal (LBC) and Right Bank Canal (RBC) that distributed water to twelve gram panchayats in my constituency. With sudden inflow of water with immense pressure RBC was completely shattered. With this disaster, Kozhinjampara, Vadakarapathy, Erithyanpathi, Poppulli and Elapulli gram panchayats were completely affected. Today the reservoir situated between Aliyar Dam and Moolathara regulator is completely submerged in water. With the rapid inflow of water, agriculture was severely affected. Roads, bridges and houses were destroyed. One man lost his life.

Hence, I request the Government to take immediate measures to rebuild Moolathara regulator and recover the function of RBC so that the second rotation of crops can be done without fail. This is of utmost importance as a large number of people of my constituency are farmers and rely on agriculture as their sole source of income. My constituency is also renowned for paddy cultivation and, if affected, will disturb the contribution of rice production in Kerala.