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Title: Need to release funds for construction of underground drainage scheme and storm water drainage scheme in Vizianagaram district in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): I want to bring to the notice of the Government, through this august House, for sanctioning an underground drainage scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 118.42 crores and storm water drainage scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 70.31 crores in Vizianagaram district in Andhra Pradesh.

As we all know, Vizianagaram is the most backward district in Andhra Pradesh. During monsoon and cyclones, it is badly affected and inundates low lying areas because there is no proper underground drainage and storm water drainage. People are also affected by vector borne diseases due to improper sanitation. Most of the shops are flooded. Their products are severely damaged and not fit for human consumption. With the help of machines, they drain out water. More than three lakh people inhabit Vizianagaram. Not only this, people from neighbouring State of Orissa come to Vizianagaram for doing business. In the absence of appropriate drainage system, whatever little business reputation Vizianagaram can boast of, will be eroded.

For both the schemes detailed project reports have been submitted to authorities concerned.

I request the Central Government to release the funds for making Vizianagaram a better place to live in.