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Title: Need to expedite construction work of hydro-electric projects on Krishnarajasagar dam at Sivasamudram and Mettur dam at Hogenakkal in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN (DHARMAPURI): I would like to bring to the notice of the Government that the National Hydro Power Corporation had mooted erection of hydroelectric power stations between Krishnaraja Sagar and Mettur Dam at Sivasamudram and Hogenakkal. The Central Government has submitted a proposal to the State Governments concerned in 1999. The Tamil Nadu Government gave its consent for the projects on certain conditions. The conditions were that the work for the hydropower projects at Sivasamudram and Hogenakkal should be started simultaneously after getting permission. Since the State of Tamil Nadu is already reeling under acute power shortage, the commissioning of these projects would help the State to tide over its power requirement. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to commence immediately the work on these two projects at the earliest.