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Title: Need to provide funds for dredging of Canoly canal under the West coast canal network of Kerala.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): The man made Canoly Canal is part of the West Coast Canal Network which has been identified under the National Transport Policy Committees. Till 1950, the Canal was used as a major trading point. Today it is heavily polluted. The 11.4km canal constructed in 1848, is experiencing indiscriminate encroachments and solid waste dumping. Dredging is required as also deepening at places for restoration of flow. With better motorable convenience, this could be an alternative way for goods and passenger traffic. The canal water is saline and study shows that this has affected the surrounding ground water also. A strong action plan is required for reviving this historic canal which can become a major waterway. It can also be a good tourist destination. Therefore, I request that at least Rs. 10 crore should be earmarked for its revival immediately and work commenced.