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Title: Need to take steps to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu by Karnataka.

*SHRI P. LINGAM (TENKASI): Madam Speaker, I would like to speak about a very important national issue in this august House, that is, the issue of water. Cauvery river water is common to both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Almost in eight districts of Tamil Nadu, fourteen lakh hectares of land is being irrigated by Cauvery river water. The paddy crops cultivated in these Cauvery Delta Districts have provided foodgrains not only to the people of Tamil Nadu but also to the people of the entire nation. Tamil Nadu's share of Cauvery River water has not been released by the State of Karnataka. Therefore, Cauvery delta districts have been suffering from severe drought. Kuruvai crops have failed. Harvested Samba crops have also become dried.

Unity and integrity of the nation is centralized towards sharing of river water. Our nation is functioning under the principle of federalism. We should not forget this fact, Madam. (*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Mr. Lingam, please take your seat.

(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2 p.m.

12.17 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Fourteen of the Clock.
