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Title: Need to impress upon Government of Andhra Pradesh to stop construction of check dams on Palar and Kosastalaiyar rivers.

SHRI G. HARI (ARAKKONAM): Government of Andhra Pradesh is constructing check dam across Kosasthalaiyar at Nelavayal Village and also across Palar river in Kuppam. Because of construction of these check dams, flow of water from these rivers to Tamil Nadu will be completely wiped out and entire water will be diverted to Andhra Pradesh. The Kusa is a sub tributary of interstate river Kosasthaliyar and supports an ayacut of about 354.32 acres fed by Veligaram tank in Tamil Nadu. Unilateral construction of check dam in Kuppam across river Palar will affect farmers of Vellore, Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chennai as well as create scarcity of drinking water in these areas. Similarly, unilateral construction of check dam across Kosastalaiyar at Nelavayal will affect farmers in many villages in Tirutani Assembly Constituency which is part of my Arakonam Parliamentary constituency. I request the Government to urge upon the Andhra Pradesh Government to forthwith stop construction of check dams across these rivers.