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Title: Need to accord approval to the proposal of Government of Tamil Nadu for renovation of Kallani dam in the State.

**SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR):** The Grand Anaicut "Kallanai" built across River Cauvery over 2000 years ago is the living example of marvellous technology executed by Chola Dynasty in Tamil Nadu. Till today it irrigates ten thousands of acres of land in Thanjavur, Trichy, Nagapattinam and Thiruvarur Constituencies. Now, the Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted a Project report to the Central Water Commission for renovation of this historical anicut. The 1st Phase of Project includes extension, renovation and re-modelling of Grand Anicut Canal system costing Rs. 261.00 crores as announced by the Hon'ble state Chief Minister. If the first phase is completed more than 3 lakh acres of agricultural land will be brought under irrigation additionally in Thanjavur, Pudukottai and Tiruvarur districts. Therefore, on behalf of the farmers and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, I request the Government to approve the scheme immediately with full financial support for the first phase of this Project.