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Title:Regarding water shortage and usefullness of water.

SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, under the guidance of our hon. Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of Water Resources regarding the urgent need for ground water management.

Water is a natural and a national resource. Of all the water on earth, only one per cent is available for our use. Of the one per cent usable water, 99 per cent is ground water. India ranks number one in the world on ground water extraction. About 90 per cent is used for cultivation, 8 per cent for domestic use and 2 per cent for industrial use.

In most parts of our country, the rate of pumping is far more than the rate of replenishment resulting in a serious problem of ground water mining and because of this we are at a risk of water soluble waste products infiltrating and polluting the ground water supply.

Most parts of our country needs more water storage to be able to stop depleting the ground water. Indian water storage infrastructure is very dismal compared to other countries and we need to invest more on water storage infrastructure to avoid ourselves from landing in a very serious crisis.

I would like to urge upon the Government to take necessary action regarding the need to educate people on the importance of water storage at the local levels.