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Title:Need to extend financial assistance to Tamil Nadu for the projects including land acquisition to expedite interlinking of rivers.

SHRI R.K. BHARATHI MOHAN (MAYILADUTHURAI): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Our Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has urged the Centre to expedite interlinking of rivers through necessary legislation in order to facilitate implementation of the Peninsular Grid, involving linking of Mahanadhi – Godavari – Krishna – Pennar – Palar – Cauvery – Vaigai - Gundar. Further, the Tamil Nadu Government has programmed to implement the linking of Pennaiyar (Sathanur Dam) – Palar link, Pennaiyar (Nedungal Anicut) – Palar link, Cauvery (Mettur Dam) – Sarabanga link, Athikadavu – Avinashi Flood Canal Scheme and Tamirabarani – Karumeniyar – Nambiyar link. I, therefore, request the Centre to extend financial assistance to Tamil Nadu for the projects including land acquisition. Thank you.