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Title: Need to provide urgent central assistance for Athikadavu-Avinashi flood canal scheme in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI C. GOPALAKRISHNAN (NILGIRIS): Athikadavu-Avinashi Flood Canal Scheme envisages diversion of flood surplus of 2,000 cusecs from Bhavani River at Pillur to 31 Water Resources Department Tanks, 40 Panchayat Union Tanks and 538 Ponds in Coimbatore, Tiruppur and Erode Districts. Following the order of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, a G.O. was issued on 18th February 2016 to provide water for drinking and irrigation to over 50 lakh people. Administrative sanction for Rs 3.27 crore has been granted to take up preliminary works for implementing the Athikadavu-Avinashi scheme as an irrigation, ground water recharge and drinking water scheme. Tamil Nadu Government has sought financial assistance including the cost of land acquisition from Government of India for implementation of Athikadavu-Avinashi Flood Canal Scheme. Though initial proposal was sent in 2011, a revised proposal is being sent to the Centre on the matter. I urge upon the Centre to provide the required financial assistance to Athikadavu-Avinashi Flood Canal Scheme without delay.