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title: Regarding interlinking of rivers and implementation of Athikkadavu-Avinashi food canal scheme.

*SHRI R K BHARATHI MOHAN (MAYILADUTHURAI): Hon. Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. Water is very much necessary for agriculture. It is very much significant to link all the rivers for providing irrigation to all parts of country, Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil *Puratchithalaivi* Amma has time and again urged the Union Government as regards the nationalization of rivers besides linking them together. The inter-linking of rivers can only be a permanent solution to all the existing Inter-State river water disputes. Particularly, the rivers in southern part of the country should be linked so as to solve the issues on water-sharing between southern States. Hon. Amma has been insisting on this point as it would ensure the socio-economic development of the people of southern States. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu *Puratchithalaivi* Amma has been continuously stressing the need for inter-linking of southern rivers under the southern rivers development scheme. The Union Government should come forward to immediately implement the Athikkadavu-Avinashi flood canal scheme, as stressed by Hon. Amma, with an allocation of Rs1,862 crore to Government of Tamil Nadu.