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Title: Regarding adequate funds for preservation of Pallikarnai Marsh land in South Chennai Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): The Pallikarnai Marsh land located in my south Chennai Constituency is one of the world's largest fresh water marsh lands initially spread across 5000 hectares of which only 500 hectare remain now. It serves important function of flood mitigation, recharging ground water after acting as a filter layer to filter impure water, drought mitigation. It holds twice the quantity of water than any reservoir and plays an important role of ecosystem and also prevents incursion of sea water. However it has been my repeated request that the fund allocated by the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate change is insufficient. I request that sufficient funds must be allocated to the State Government to the tune of several thousand crores for efficient preservation of the marsh land and prevent sewage effluents to be discharged into the marsh land.