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Sub: Vizhinjam International Seaport construction- Rainwater availability crisis

Respected Sir,

We are residents of Mulloor from the Vizhinjam area. Our village is crying out for drinking water. The connecting road to Vizhinjam port area was built on farmlands of plantain cultivation. This stretch of farmland helped rainwater retention in the region. The drainage on both sides of the newly constructed road, channels the rainwater directly into the sea making it difficult to retain water in our farmlands. In addition, both sides of the road are hilly in nature, so the rainwater flows through the drains into the sea. Waste material and remains of construction like boulders and mud have been left dumped in the farmlands, therefore rainwater is unable to flow and reach the water recharge aquifers. Hence rainwater reaches the sea directly.

We request your urgent intervention in this issue. We have been suffering for the past one and half years since initiation of the new road construction. With the onset of monsoons in months of June-July this becomes a serious issue.

No action has been taken despite presenting this complaint before Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited.

Hence, it is our humble request that the following be addressed on a priority basis:

1. To help removal of waste construction materials from the farmlands.
2. To help establish rainwater harvesting structures.
3. To help make arrangements for rainwater to reach the farmlands.

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