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Performance of water users' association in Theni district of Tamil Nadu

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Water User's Association, Participation, Water Use Efficiency, Vaigai-Periyar River Basin **SUMMARY:** Water is the elixir of life, a precious gift of nature to mankind and millions of other species living on the earth. It is fast becoming a scare commodity in most part of the world.. A water user's association (WUA) is an organization of water users administered on the principles of cooperation and its role is to implement water institutions, and in the process to achieve a fair water allocation across different locations. Given the existing water supply scenarios, the demand management strategies will be considered more relevant for the efficient management of the available supplies. Therefore, what is needed is the clear understanding of the value of water in alternate uses as well as the incentive to allocate the water among competing crops and uses in different river basins. This will also help to work out the performance of both irrigation and agriculture sectors at basin level. Accordingly, the following objectives are set forth: to discuss the characteristics of WUAs and the impact of such characteristics on the water use efficiency of the selected farms. to examine the participation of farmers under WUAs in the selected area The deliverables will be a boost for water user association and find a way possible ways for the water use in a economic prospects.

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