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BATTICALOA Wednesday,  
SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA, Minister of Transport and Works, at a conference held at the local urban council meeting room, attended by the chairman and members, said every endeavour would be made to speed up the Kailadi Water Supply Augmentation Scheme, and that they would have water by April.

The Minister also agreed to give Batticaloa a Broadway along the southern bank of the Batticaloa Lagoon, relieving the increasing congestion.

Others present at the conference were Mudaliyar A. Sinna Lalbe, M.P., Mr. J. N. Arumugam, Permanent Secretary, Mr. Victor de Silva, Assistant Secretary, Mr. M. Kanagasabay, General Manager, Railways, Mr. V. E. Herat, Superintending Engineer, Baçulla, and Mr. N. Nadesan, Executive Engineer, Batticaloa.

A complimentary dinner was given to Sir John at the rest-house by the Batticaloa public. Mr. J. L. Tissaverasinghe, U.C. chairman, presided. The chairman had the chief guest on his right and Mr. Julius F. Philips, District Judge, on his left.

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Advocate A. Thavarajah a council member, proposing the toast of the chief guest, traced the history of the town's water supply and said that the problem had become very acute and the scheme should no longer be delayed.

Continuing, he said it was a crying shame for any Government that a government central college, with about 700 students, should be housed in cadjan huts. He asked Sir John to have this school built out of funds which were passed in the last financial year and re-voted during the current year.

Sir John said that in February they would have their water supply, or at the latest, by April next year. He instructed his permanent and assistant secretaries and his P.W.D. officers to expedite the matter and call for tenders immediately.