

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to release Rs. 4625 Crore as flood relief package to Tamil Nadu for taking up of relief works in heavy rainfall and flood affected areas.

**\*SUSHRI S. JOTHIMANI (KARUR):** Hon. Chairman Sir, Thank you for this opportunity. Due to North-east monsoon there are heavy rains continuously pouring the State of Tamil Nadu. There is a flow of flood throughout the State of Tamil Nadu. As many as 50 persons died due to heavy rains. Thousands of cattle were affected; as many as 10000 huts and 2500 houses were damaged due to rains. Other than this, the agricultural crop losses were estimated to be more than 50 thousand hectares due the recent heavy rains. As much as 75 per cent of bridges constructed by the Highways Department has been damaged. In my Karur parliamentary constituency, Viralimalai and Manapparai Assembly segments are very much affected. In this tough situation, Tamil Nadu government has been making all efforts to bring normalcy and to restore the situation. Tamil Nadu Government cannot on its own handle the challenging situation severely affected by rains and floods, with the economic constraints faced by the State. Therefore the State Government of Tamil Nadu has demanded the flood relief package of Rs 4,625 Crore from the Union Government. Even after the visit of an Expert Team of the Union Government making survey of the affected areas, no fund has been released. This is not the first time it is taking place. During the period when Tamil Nadu was affected by Gaja and Vardah cyclones and flood, I would say that with a sigh of sorrow that relief funds were not released by the Union Government in the past as

well. Therefore I request that the Union government to release Rs 4,625 Crore as flood relief package to Tamil Nadu, as demanded by the Tamil Nadu government at the earliest. Thank you.