

### **Regarding devastation caused by Cyclone Fengal in Tamil Nadu**

**SHRI B. MANICKAM TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR):** Hon. Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. Hon MP Thiru T.R. Baalu of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam spoke about some important issues pertaining to Tamil Nadu. Fengal cyclone has caused huge damages in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. As many as 12 persons have lost their lives. Madurai, Chennai, Mayiladuthurai, Cuddalore, Krishnagiri, Viluppuram, Kallakurichi, Tiruvannamalai, Nagappatinam, Vellore and Tirupathur are some of the 16 districts where several lakhs of huts have been damaged due to this cyclone. This Fengal cyclone has caused severe damages to the agricultural land, roads, Panchayat buildings, Anganwadi buildings, schools etc. besides affecting the livestock. Hon Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has written a letter to Hon. Prime Minister asking an immediate relief assistance of Rs 2000 Crore to be released to Tamil Nadu. But the Union Government is showing a step-motherly attitude and committing historical blunder time and again. Be it Vardah Cyclone of 2016, or the cyclones that affected in 2017 or 2018 Tamil Nadu requested for a release of Rs 43,993 Crore and out of which only an amount of Rs 1729 Crore has been provided to Tamil Nadu. The Union Government should change its step-motherly attitude towards Tamil Nadu. The State of Tamil Nadu should get justice in getting its due share. When Tamil Nadu was struggling hard due to incessant rains and flood water yesterday, we came to know that Hon Prime Minister was watching the screening of a film. This is highly painful to notice that Hon Prime Minister, who has to act with caution, was keen to watch a movie at a time when States like Tamil Nadu and Puducherry were facing problems due to rains. I will term this as a historical blunder. I urge that Tamil Nadu should be provided Rs 2000 Crore as immediate relief assistance. Thank you. Vanakkam.

**HON. CHAIRPERSON (SHRI DILIP SAIKIA):** Hon. Member Shrimati Kanimozhi Ji, do you want to associate with the issue which is raised by Shri Manickam Tagore?

**SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI (THOOTHUKKUDI):** Yes, Sir. I want to associate and our hon. CM has requested for Rs. 2000 crore. As soon as possible, the relief fund should be released at least this time.