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SHRI M. APPADURAI : Respected Chairman, Sir, heavy rains in several parts of Tamil Nadu in the past month had indiscriminately affected the people from all walks of life. Almost all the reservoirs and dams are overflowing. The belated flood control measures could not save several dwelling units on the shores of the rivers and rivulets. The *bunds* of small and very old tanks were damaged which led to huge crop loss. Incessant rains in all major towns including Chennai city led to severe damage to roads and water stagnation. These floods caused by rains inundated several residential areas at many places in Tamil Nadu.

I urge upon the Union Government to direct the Government of Tamil Nadu to issue a White Paper on the loss of lives and property, the extent of crop damage, the extent of destruction of dwelling units and the amount provided by the State Government towards relief work. The State Government must be directed to take into confidence the Members of Parliament of both the Houses. I also urge upon the Union Government to rush in Rs. 5,000 crore as compensation package to take up relief work on war footing.