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Title: Need to take up relief and rehabilitation measures in the flood ravaged districts in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI D. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVANNAMALAI): Heavy downpour of rains in the recent monsoon has caused a great havoc in several parts of Tamil Nadu. The worst affected among them is the city of Chennai along with coastal districts like Nagapattinam, Kanyakumari and also paddy cultivation areas in Thanjavur and adjoining districts. Considering the heavy loss accrued to the public and the infrastructure facilities like roads and tank bunds raised by both the Centre and the States, a huge amount may be required to rebuild and repair the same. Unfortunately, this is not covered under the national Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation Mission. Hence, it is urged that the Union Government, on its own, must respond to the situation once such news emerge in the media in this era of information. A viable formula can be evolved and a mechanism be established as and when the rainfall in a particular regions crosses the normal average rainfall pertaining to that region during a particular period. Automatic flow of relief funds must be rushed in by the Centre.

I urge upon the Centre to send a Centre Team and evaluate the loss and give adequately compensation so that both the Central and State Agencies can take up relief and rehabilitation and repair works on a war footing in Tamil Nadu.