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Title: Need to provide additional power from Central Pool to address precarious power situation in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): Thank you, Madam, for giving me this opportunity. I would like to draw the attention of hon. Minister of Power regarding the precarious power position in Tamil Nadu and the urgent need of additional power from the Central pool. It is an undeniable fact that Tamil Nadu is reeling under the severe power shortage. The power deficit of Tamil Nadu is estimated to be about 3,500 Megawatt. Agriculture is the worst hit sector. Inadequate power supply affects food production. Frequent unscheduled load shedding has also affected the industrial sector. There is a huge gap between supply and demand. The present Government in Tamil Nadu under the able leadership of Puratchi Thalaivi is making all efforts to improve energy efficiency and reduce the gap between demand and supply.

In an effort to ease the precarious power position, my leader, hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has requested the hon. Prime Minister through a memorandum in person on 14.6.2011 for release of 1000 megawatts of electricity additionally from the Central Pool for one year. But there is no response so far from the Centre. This is highly regrettable. While Centre is liberal in announcing relief package to not only the suffering States but also to the States ruled by the allied parties, why not to Tamil Nadu? The people of Tamil Nadu expect a positive response from the Centre. I appeal to the hon. Minister of Power to supply additional power at least whatever possible from the Central Pool as a stop gap arrangement for one year as requested by our hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. ...*(Interruptions)*

सभापति महोदया : श्री महेन्द्रसिंह पी. चौहान,

â€¦*(लवघाल)*

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): Madam, what about my name? â€¦*(Interruptions)*

MADAM CHAIRMAN: I am going by the list. Please have some patience.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI P.T. THOMAS : Early morning, in the open House, our hon. Speaker had given an assuranceâ€¦*(Interruptions)*

सभापति महोदया: आप अभी बैठ जाइए,

â€¦*(लवघाल)*

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Please have patience. Definitely, your name is coming. But I am going by the serial number.

*(Interruptions)*